WEATHERI

Min: 22.8°C **RH: 29%** Rainfall: 000.0 mm

Forecast: Partly cloudy sky. Max/Min temp. 37/24ºC

ASTROGUIDE

Star: Uttaraphalguni till 9.07 pm

Durmuhurtam: 10.05 am to 10.56 am; 3.10 pm to 4.01 pm

Rahukalam: 1.30 pm to 3 pm

**SUNRISE TOMORROW 5.46 AM** 

COUNTER POINT

PoK is no longer safe

**VISION FOR INDIA'S** 

Prime Minister Narendra

Modi on Wednesday said

that India was marching

ahead with renewed confi-

dence in the field of space

exploration and declared

that an Indian astronaut

would leave his footprints

Addressing the Global

Conference on Space Exp-

loration 2025 via videocon-

ferencing, Moid stressed

that Mars and Venus were

also on the country's radar

for exploration missions.

For India, Modi said space

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**NO RESPITE FOR** 

**SRILAKSHMI IN** 

**OMC CASE** 

was about exploration.

VUJJINI VAMSHIDHAR I DC

HYDERABAD, MAY 7

The Supreme Court on

Wednesday overturned the

Telangana High Court's

2022 judgment that had dis-charged AP IAS officer

Yerra Srilakshmi from the

Obulapuram Mining Co-

mpany (OMC) illegal mining case. With the apex court ordering a fresh trial

of Srilakshmi's role in the OMC scam, the officer will have to attend hearings

before the CBI court here.

Only on Tuesday, the CBI court had found OMC owner Gali Janardhan

Reddy and others guilty.

**22 MAOISTS KILLED** 

**PULI SHARATH** 

KUMAR I DC

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**IN KARREGUTTA** 

ENCOUNTER

on the Moon by 2040.

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**MODI UNVEILS** 

**SPACE FUTURE** 

**SUNSET TODAY 6.38 PM** 

**MOONRISE 3.15 PM** 

MOONSET 2.56 AM

Vishwavasu; Uttarayana Tithi: Vaishakha Shukla Ekadasi

till 12.30 pm

Varjyam: Nil

**HIJRI CALENDAR** 

**PRAYERS** 

Fajar: 4.40 am

**Zohar:** 12.22 pm Asar: 4.39 pm

Maghrib: 6.43 pm

Isha: 7.56 pm

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### Op Sindoor kills nearly 100 JeM, LeT terrorists in Pak in 25 mins

Indian fighter jets use long-range missiles without crossing border

**PAWAN BALI I DC** NEW DELHI, MAY 7

Initial intelligence assesssuggest that between 70 and 100 terrorists were killed in Operation Sindoor, a joint operation by the Indian Army and the Indian Air Force just past midnight on Wednesday, a powerful response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that shook the nation.

The joint operation lasted 25 minutes and was described as "measured non-escalatory.' Missiles and drones were used in the operation that did not target Pakistani military sites.

This was for the first time since the 1971 war that India has hit a target in Pakistan's Punjab, in a powerful message that no terrorist site is safe.

The decisive and highintensity military strike razed the core infrastructure of the terror outfits Jaish-e-Mohammad and Lashkar-e-Tayyaba in Pakistan and Pakistanoccupied Kashmir. Frontline fighter jets, alongside precision drones, pounded nine high-value targets deep within PoK and Pakistan. The military targeted Markaz Taiba of Lashkar-e-Tayyaba (LeT) in Muridke, Markaz Subhan

Allah of Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) in Bahawalpur and Hizbul Mujahideen's Mehmoona Joya facility in Sialkot and LeT's base in Markaz Ahle Hadith in Barnala and its camp in Muzaffarabad's Shawai Nalla.

All the targets were neutralised with clinical efficiency, two women offi-Colonel Sophia Qureshi of the Army's Corps of Signals and Wing Commander Vyomika Singh, a helicopter pilot of the IAF', said at a media briefing alongside foreign secretary Vikram Misri.

The foreign secretary said India decided to carry out the "proportionate" strikes to bring the perpetrators and planners of the April 22 Pahalgam attack to justice as there was "no demonstrable step" from Pakistan to act against terrorist infrastructure on territories under its con-

Of the nine-high value targets, seven were hit by the Army's drones and 'smart ammunition and precision weapons", the other two were razed to the ground by the IAF's Rafale and Sukhoi fighter

jets.
The Indian fighter jets used long-range missiles to accomplish their task without crossing the bor-

Page 8: India used its right to respond, says Rajnath

### **Blasted Nine**

The locations that the Indian Army and IAF hit early on May 7

#### **STRIKES IN PoK**

Sawai Nala Camp, Muzaffarabad: 30 km from LoC; key LeT training facility. Its terror module attacked civilians and security forces in Sonmarg on October 20 and Gulmarg on October 24 in 2024; Pahalgam on April 22.

**Syedna Belal Camp, Muzaffarabad:** Used by Jaish-e-Mohammad as staging area.

Gulpur Camp, Kotli: 30 km from LoC; base for LeT operating in Rajauri-Poonch; Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi, 26/11 mastermind, frequently visited camp.

opposite Rajauri, nerve centre for training LeT suicide bombers.

Abbas Camp, Kotli: 13 km from LoC,

Barnala Camp, Bhimber: 9 km from LoC, opposite Rajauri-Poonch sector; trained terrorists in weapons.

India ready to

retaliates: NSA

National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval

on Wednesday said that India has no intent

to escalate tensions but is prepared to "retaliate resolutely" if Pakistan chooses to do so.

Doval briefed his counterparts in the US.

UK, Saudi Arabia, and Japan about India's

missile strikes against terror infrastructure

in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu

and Kashmir. He also established contact

with officials in Russia and France, the offi-

cials said. "The NSA briefed his counter-

parts on the actions taken and the method of

execution, which was measured, non-escala-

tory, and restrained. He emphasised that

India had no intent to escalate but was fully

prepared to retaliate resolutely should Paki-

■ Page 11: Doval speaks to US

and UK counterparts

27 airports closed, 18 Hyd flights to

stan choose to escalate," an official said.

250 flights halted

New Delhi: Twenty-seven airports in northern, central, and western

India have been temporarily closed

for operations, and more than 250

flights have been cancelled in these

sectors in the wake of the tense situ-

ation following India's airstrikes against nine Pakistani terror loca-

tions under Operation Sindoor. The

airports that have been shut to reg-

ular air traffic include Chandigarh,

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Srinagar, Amritsar, Ludhiana.

attack if Pak

DC CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI, MAY 7

### **STRIKES IN PAKISTAN**

Indian armed forces launched preci-

sion military strikes against terrorist

hideouts in Pakistan and Pakistan-

part of Operation Sindoor.

N. India cancelled

Hyderabad: At least 18 flights from

and to the city to destinations in

north India were cancelled after the

airports were closed against the

backdrop of strikes on terror camps

in Pakistan and PoK, as well as the

IAF exercises in Rajasthan. Flights

to Srinagar, Jammu, Leh, Amritsar,

Chandigarh, Dharamshala and Jo-

dhpur, which were cancelled as the

airports were shut down. Airlines

issued advisories alerting passengers about delays and cancellations due to changing airspace conditions.

occupied Kashmir on Wednesday as

Sarjal Camp, Sialkot: 6 km from international border opposite Samba-Kathua.

PAKISTAN

Mehmoona Joya Camp, Sialkot: 12 km from international border, key training facility of Hijbul Mujahideen. Attack on Pathankot IAF base and major strikes planned and directed from this camp.

INDIA

Markaz Laiva, Muridke: 25 km from international border; HQ of Lashkar-e-Tayybba of Hafiz Sayed. 26/11 terrorist Ajmal Kasab confessed to trained in the camp, which is associated with many terrorist attacks.

Markaz Taiba,

**OPERATION** 

SINDOR

Markaz Subhan, Bahawalpur: 100 km from international border, HQ of Jaish-e-**Mohammadm** used for recruitment, training and indoctrinating terrorists.

### Pak troops shell border

areas, 15 die

YUSUF JAMEEL I DC SRINAGAR, MAY 7

At least 15 residents including two women and four children were killed, and nearly 60 others Pakistani troops targeted Indian forward positions and civilian areas at several places along the Line of Control (LoC) and International Border (IB) in Jammu and Kashmir with heavy artillery fire early on Wednesday.

The pounding with 122 mm artillery guns and other variants left a trail of destruction with several houses reduced to rubble from Poonch to Uri

■ Page 11: Pak troops fired artillery in Bhimber: Army

### Verify your facts, **India tells China**

Beijing: The Indian Embassy here has cautioned China's state-run tabloid Global Times to verify messages before posting them on social media on Indian military strikes targeting Pakistan's terror infrastruc-ture on Wednesday. "Dear @global-timesnews we would recommend you verify your facts and crossexamine your sources before pushing out this kind of disinformation,' the Indian Embassy said on X.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi with defence minister Rajnath Singh, Union home minister Amit Shah, Union ministers Nitin Gadkari, Shivraj Singh Chouhan and others during a Cabinet meeting in New Delhi.

### Modi chose code **Op Sindoor, hails** precision strikes

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, MAY 7

Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed the Indian Armed Forces for successfully executing the strikes and reiterated his government's policy of zero tolerance towards terrorism.

Modi chaired a meeting of the Union Cabinet just hours after Operation

During the meeting, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh briefed the Cabinet about the operation, and the entire Cabinet welcomed the action and praised Modi's leadership with a thumping of desks. Sources said the logo for

Operation Sindoor was designed in just 45 minutes, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself suggested the codename, which was aimed at avenging the brutal killing of civilians— some of whom were couples celebrating their weddings.

called an all-party meeting on Thursday to brief leaders about Operation Sindoor carried out by the armed forces.

In a post on X, parliamentary affairs minister Kiren Rijiju said, "The govern-ment has called an all-party leaders' meeting at 11 am on 8th May 2025 at Committee Room: G-074, in the Parliament Library Building, Parliament Complex in New Delhi." Meanwhile, the Prime

Minister has postponed his planned visit next week to the three European nations of Croatia, Norway, and the Netherlands due to the current political and military tensions with Pakistan, said reliable

sources.

Modi was scheduled to visit these nations from May 13 to 17, but his continued presence in the country is now deemed essential given the fluid situation following the

### **Revanth: Detain** illegal foreigners

REDDY I DC HYDERABAD, MAY 7

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Thursday directed officials to identify and detain Pakistan and Bangladesh nationals residing

illegally in the state. Stating that illegal migrants posed a threat to law and order, he directed the police to set up a dedicated communication system within the Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) in Banjara Hills to monitor their

activities. He warned of strict

action against anyone attempting to disturb peace and harmony. Revanth Reddy called for tightening security at all foreign consulates in Hyderabad and enhancing protective measures around IT companies, while speaking at a review meeting with top police offiers in the wake of Operation Sindoor,

Leaves for employees in emergency service departments were cancelled, with instructions for all staff and officials to remain available.

Page 5: CM urges parties to support defence forces

### Civil def. drills held successfully

RACHEL DAMMALA I DC HYDERABAD, MAY 7

In an unusual scene on Wednesday afternoon, Hyderabad's streets fell briefly still as sirens wailed across the city to signal the start of a civil defence exercise—the first such sound in over half a century. Operation Abhyaas was aimed at testing how prepared the city was to respond in the event if a hostile attack were to ever occur.

The two-minute siren went off at 4 pm, piercing through traffic, homes, offices and markets. Though most residents had been informed in advance, the moment felt surreal for many - some filmed the alert on their phones, while others took

shelter under trees or inside nearby buildings. The atmosphere was one of curiosity more than concern, with many seen smiling and pointing at fire trucks and rescue vans as they pulled in.

Though a few commuters were caught in traffic during the siren, most seemed cooperative. There were no reported disruptions to transport or daily services. In fact, social media was abuzz with people sharing clips, memes and even jokes -some compared the sudden siren to scenes from war films, while others laughed off WhatsApp forwards falsely warning of actual missile strikes or

curfews. Police and civic authorities quickly responded.

Colonel Sofiya Qureshi, Wg Cdr Vyomika Singh provide attack info women officers track Op Sindoor

**BHASKAR HARI** SHARMA | DC NEW DELHI, MAY 7

In a befitting tribute to women who lost their husbands in the Pahalgam massacre. India Wednesday, for the first time, fielded its two women officers, Colonel Sofiya Qureshi and Wing Commander Vyomika Singh, to lead an official press briefing on the major military operation. The move was aimed to deliver a powerful message about Nari Shakti (women's power) and the secular fabric of the country.

Sources said the logo for Operation Sindoor was designed in just 45 min-utes, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself suggested the codename, which was aimed at avenging the brutal killing of civilians - some of whom were couples celebrating their weddings.

While the strikes were underway, the ADGPI of the Indian Army, at 1.28 am, posted a video on social media showcasing India's military strength. The video was titled in Sanskrit: "Praharay Sannihitah, Jayay Prashik-shitah", meaning "Ready to Strike, Trained to Win." Along with the name

Operation Sindoor, the selection of women officers embodied Nari Shakti, sending a strong message globally. The two officers joined foreign secretary Vikram

Misri in providing details about the precision strikes carried out by the armed forces on nine terror tarin Pakistan and





Army Colonel Sofiya Qureshi and IAF Wing Commander Vyomika Singh during a press conference regarding Operation Sindoor in New Delhi.

Pakistan-occupied Kash- names and details of the mir. The trio presented a striking image of the synergy between India's military prowess and diplomatic maturity.

Col Qureshi, from the Army's Corps of Signals, and Wg Cdr Singh, a helicopter pilot, shared the



sites targeted in the early hours Wednesday,

speaking in ring.
English, respectively.
"I, Col Sofiya Qureshi, with Wing with Vyomika Commander Singh, will today provide with

about Operation Sindoor, carried out by the Indian armed forces from 1 am to 1.30 am on the intervening night of May 6-7, 2025," Col Qureshi said, as visuals played on the screen depicting the targeted sites. Wing Commander Singh stated that the strikes on the terror camps were carried out using "precision capabilities."

Niche-technology weapons, with carefully selected warheads, were used to ensure that there would be no collateral damage. The point of impact in each case was a specific building or group of buildings," she explained. All the targets were "neutralised with clinical efficiency," she added.

> Page 8: All targets neutralised: Wg Cdr Singh







rity forces at the Karregutta hills located on the Telangana-Chhattisgarh border in the early hours on Wednesday. Officials confirmed that

As many as 22 Maoists were killed in an encou-

nter that took place betw-

een the Maoists and secu-

combing operations were still ongoing in the densely-forested terrain and as a result the death toll could



### Karachi Bakery finds itself in piquant state

SAALINI LOKESH I DC

With India attacking terror camps in Pakistan, the cautious management of Karachi Bakery — which is named after the Pakistani city — has displayed the Indian Flag above their signboards of their outlets at Moazzam Jahi Market and Begumpet. Whenever tensions flare up between India and Pakistan, the bakery gets trolled over its

"Senior officials ordered us to be cautious. As a preventive measure, we deployed our staff near the bakery," said Ramgopalpet inspector Narsing Rao. Karachi Bakery has around 20 branches in the city, and all the branches are deployed with constables to

The inspector also added that the Indian Flag, showing their support to the Operation Sindoor and almost all branches complied.

Speaking Chronicle, a Karachi Bakery staff member said, "We did place the Indian Tricolour on top of the nameboard of the shop, and we also have a constable present at the shop. Business has not been affected due to this incident in our

In Visakhapatnam, the members of the Jana Jagarana Samithi (JJS) protested outside Karachi Bakery at Venkojipalem on Tuesday, demanding that the bakery change its name. The protesters also asked the Centre to step in if the name was not





Civil defence drills were conducted out on Wednesday at Kacheguda Railway Station, Avalon Apartment (Nanainagar), BNS Twin Towers (New Santoshnagar), and AR Millennium Residency (Secunderabad) as part of an awareness programme. NCC cadets, fire service personnel, civilians, and volunteers participated in the

simulated rescue operations. — P. SURENDRA, DEEPAK DESHPANDE, S. SURENDER REDDY, R. PAVAN









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#### Sirens catch many unawares; participants carry out emergency exercises with precision RACHEL DAMMALA, MRITTIKA BANERJEÉ,

PRIYA RATHNAM I DC HYDERABAD, MAY 7 At 4 pm on Wednesday. sirens sounded and an 'emergency' was staged. Civil defence personnel Rescue Force." NCC cadet Sita got into action, 'rescuing' people and providing them 'medical care' and whisking them away in ambu-

lances. Other residents were escorted to safe places. It would all have been an exercise with a little bit of fun, but the images of Operation Sindoor, India's retaliatory strike early in the day lent an edge which Operation Abhyaas, the civil defence exercise, could scarcely have

SABA ANJUM SHAIK AND

received otherwise. By the time the all-clear sounded at 4.30 pm, residents and participants got a wealth of pictures for their social media handles, an experience for a lifetime, and a sobering les-

Officials found that by and large Hyderabadis, known for their independent ways where matters of authority are involved, were cooperating in making things happen. That itself was a big plus.

son in safety.

### **WEST MARREDPALLY**

At AR Millennium Residency, residents were swiftly escorted across the road to NCC Grounds the designated shelter while firefighters simulated evacuation and medical teams readied people in stretchers. Power supply was cut for 30 minutes.

'Our job was to ensure a blackout. During bombings, electricity can worsen things," said Narsing Rao, line inspector, His colleague Srinivas Rao added that even Wi-Fi signals and inverters should be shut.

"It may seem small, but details matter."

Children from the neighbouring Valmiki Towers were interrupted by all the activity. "I thought we were being bombed," said 10-year-old Rahul, before quickly adding, "But now I want to join the Disaster

observed the coordination tise a lot, but today showed us how it really works." P. Yesu, a DRF officer, seconded that thought. "Unless citizens are aware onded and stay steady, it's hard to act effectively. Today, the

balance was just right." Babu Rao, a sweeper with the SCB, stood in uniform with a helmet and mask, and holding a safety flag. "I felt like I mattered. Even if it's small, I can do

my part," he said. "We made sure of **KHADERBAGH** rehearsals in the morning  $\bigwedge$  valon Apart and afternoon. But 4 pm was the real test — and Hyderabad passed," said Prasad P., president of the local residents' welfare

### NACHARAM

Akid was playing in a park when there was a sudden 'boom'. There were sirens, ambulances and fire services personne; rushing in and 'rescuing' people. Enough to make the child take pause.

Mavflower Grande Apartments in Mallapur was chosen for its proximity to the Nuclear Fuel Complex. Apartment resident K. Pooja found the session informative. Of her twins, one stepped out to watch the drill while the other remained in the house because it is scary For lawyer Ranjitha Selvan, the blast and the rescue was something out of a movie. "Movies need to be made of such topics

**Op Abhyaas simulates hostile situations** 

and orderliness. "We prac- Rescue operation as part of Mock drill organised at Avalon Apartment, Nanal Nagar Mehdipatnam on Wednesday.

as it in one of the means of communication," she said. NCC cadet Y. Jayanth was informed about the drill on Tuesday, and briefed on how to tackle emergency situations. "It makes us comprehend reality and helps us in quick decision-making,"

 $\Delta$  valon Apartments was **L** chosen for its multistorey layout, cellar structure, and proximity to a defence zone. Residents were asked to simulate an evacuation from the fourth floor, and electricity was cut to add urgency to the exercise. The scene brought in onlookers from the neighbourhood and beyond. "Evacuations in high-rises are more complex. People rely on lifts, which may stop during emergencies. This drill is about making them think through alternatives," said G.V. Narayan Rao, additional director of the fire department. He was joined by district collector Anudeep Durishetty and MLA Maiid Hussain.

A senior resident said, "This helps. We now have a better idea of how to respond." It left youngsters pondering. "Everything got blocked quickly. But the officials were fast. It makes you praise for the participants.

wonder what would happen if something real happened," said Zayed. Safi, 16, stayed in character because "it matters." These are things we should know," he said, still seated near the entrance. A 13-year-old who was

present at the scene with her sister said her grandfather's house caught fire during a drill in 1971.

**KACHEGUDA** At the railway station, P. Sudha, a passenger, was shocked. "I didn't know there was a drill but slowly understood the situation," she said. Varaprasad, passenger, who had never seen anything like this. "It made me realise how important coordination is during situations like this." Renuka M. said the hullabaloo left her seven-year-old daughter scared. "All of us bent down as instructed. She thought something really happened and started to cry," she added. A civil defence personnel who learnt the casualty lifting technique, said, "These drills teach us how to act The drills were fast." supervised by Udaynath Kotla, deputy general manager of SCR and controller of civil defence. General manager Arun Kumar Jain had a word of

### Country enters new phase, say veterans DC CORRESPONDENT training and preparation.

HYDERABAD, MAY 7

From waiting for updates

on the radio to receiving instant alerts on WhatsApp and Twitter, India's experience of conflict has transformed dramatically, with communication emerging as a defining factor in defence preparedness, war veterans said on Wednesday. As mock drills were held at four key locations in Hyderabad, the veterans emphasised that the country was entering a new phase of readiness that civilians must take

seriously. Recalling his service during the peak of insurgency in Kasnmir irom 1988 to 1995, Major Shiva Kiran (retd) described the shift in preparedness as revolutionary. "We relied on physical maps, convoys moved without satellite tracking and communication was minimal. Today, we're witnessing coordinated. technology-led responses involving civil defence, police, fire services and the armed forces working together seam-

lessly," he explained.
"These drills are not mere theatre. They are a wake-up call. Those were the days of alienation and radio silence. Today, information and coordination are instant," he added. Col. Merugu Solomon

Saneev (retd) of the 6 Lancers, who served in Jammu Kashmir and Rajasthan during Op Parakram, Assam and Nagaland, said, "My experiences taught me the value of

With Operation Sindoor, the government has responded in a mature and calibrated manner. By conducting these drills, we are training civilians to protect themselves, take cover and not panic. He cautioned against the spread of misinformation

on social media. "This is a time for the public to stay alert, not scared. Avoid falling for fake news or videos. Trust verified news sources like newspapers and TV. Don't share ĥalf-baked information about the armed forces. Every initiative may not bring back the lives lost. but it sends a strong message to deter future terro ist acts," he said. Col. V. Mahadevan (retd), who served during the 1970s, highlighted the importance of communication. "Back then, we depended on newspapers and the radio. There were no mobile phones, no digital alerts — we barely spoke to neighbours except by shouting across walls. Today, news travels in seconds via WhatsApp and Instagram. It's not terrible, it's terrific, Instant communication can save lives." Col. Manoj Pathak (retd), a J&K and Assam veteran, said, "I wasn't deployed in Kargil directly, but during mobilisation of northeast forces, a ceasefire was declared, and we returned. With so many vital installations in city, citizens must know what to do-whether it's using blackout curtains, keeping torches, or evacu-

### ATTACK ION TERROR Denizens want not just houses of terrorists, but those of supporters also razed

### A sigh of relief after Operation Sindoor

**KUMAR I DC** HYDERABAD, MAY 7

Women felt a bit relieved when news spread in the early hours on Wednesday Indian missiles pounded terrorist bases in Pakistan to avenge the killing of 26 tourists in Pahalgam over a fortnight

They were delighted to note that the operation was aptly code-named Sindoor, as many women had lost their sindoor, a sign of marital bliss, in the barbaric act by terrorists in Pahalgam.

Speciaswi Thuraka,

researcher in international politics, noted, "This has sent a powerful message to the wider world that India will not remain silent to acts of terror and



**G. DAMAYANTI** 

will take strong measures to protect its people.' 'Dismantling

hideouts with precision strikes not only sent a strong deterrent message but also reflected India's evolving counter-terror doctrine to the world," Sreeiaswi said.

She added, "However, for the women who witnessed the cold-blooded murder of their husbands before



their eyes on April 22, no number of strikes or arrests can erase their pain. Operation Sindoor

serves as a call for longterm security reform. planning. India must move from reactive strikes to adoption of a proactive strate-

Kunchala Jerusha, a software professional from Kadapa and working in



Hyderabad, strikes showed that "we are fearless and will not be cowed down by a nuclear threat. It also shows our military capability and

"Asking two women officers to provide press briefing was befitting, given the context and name of the Op Sindoor. It's an indirect message to the terrorists and Pakistan



**KUNCHALA JERUSHA** 

women are good enough for you," added Jerusha. G. Damayanti, a government employee, says she

feels relieved. 'We have to demolish not only the homes of terrorists but also of those supporting them. Punish

them severely. We have lost many of our dear ones over the past several decades," she



**VINOD RAO BANJA** 

Vinod Rao Banja, the brother of 26/11 terror victim Vijay Rao Banja, says terrorism has caused unforgettable loss to many peace-loving people for no fault of theirs. Emanuel Nixon, a businessman from Chennai, says India should seek and get more

support from the nations across the world in its fight against terror.

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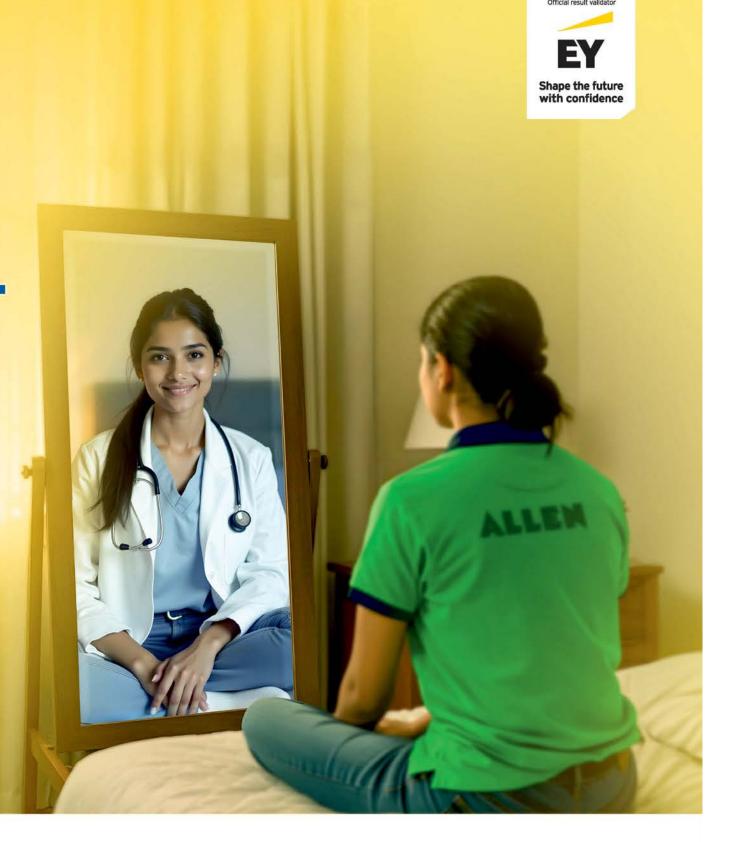
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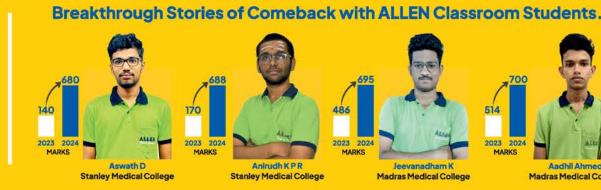
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### IN BRIEF

### **Labourer dies** after hit by lorry

Hyderabad: Fifty-year-old Gangapaka Arjun, a labourer died when a ready mix cement lorry reportedly being driven at high speed hit his two-wheeler in Narkuda around 915 am on Tuesday. Shamshabad inspector K. Narender Reddy said Arjun was heading towards Shabad when the accident occurred. Locals informed his relative Kukkal Anjanevulu and called the police. A case has been registered, and an investigation is

### 3-yr-old boy

#### run over by car

Hyderabad: A three-year-old boy was run over by a car when he wandered into the main road in Madhuranagar, Bachupally, on Tuesday evening, Inspector J. Upender Rao said no one noticed the child enter the road till he was hit by the vehicle which was allegedly being driven in a rash manner. When they realised what had happened, the parents rushed the child to a nearby hospital where he died while undergoing treatment. Car driver Srinivas has been arrested.

### Man nabbed for murdering couple

Hyderabad: The Alwal police. along with the CCS and Medchal special operations team arrested Chinthakindi Anil Kumar, 40, of Macha Bolaram for allegedly murdering an elderly couple in Suryanagar. Medchal DCP Koti Reddy said that Kumar was an accused in 28 offences in Cyberabad and Narsapur, including attempt to murder. A detailed analysis of 100 CCTV cameras and further examination of previous crime records helped the police in nabbing Kumar, the DCP said.

#### **82 lost, stolen** mobile recovered

Warangal: The Jangoan police returned 82 lost or stolen mobile phones to their owners at an event here on Wednesday.DCP Rajamahendra Nayak urged citizens to report missing mobile phones without delay, so that the police could help by using the Central **Equipment Identity Register** (CEIR) portal. He said the CEIR initiative of the Central govern-

ment enables users to block lost phones by registering complete details at https://www.ceir.gov.in. **Jagan deposes** 

before NCLT

Hvderabad: AP former chief minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy on Wednesday told the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) Bench at Hyderabad that he could revoke the gift agreement made with her sister Y.S. Sharmila in shares in Saraswathi Power Ltd. He submitted that the MoU between them had been cancelled and the gift agreement had no legal validity. Senior counsel and YSRCP MP S. Niranjan Reddy,, appeared for Jagan Mohan Reddy.

### **Cops seize expired** cold drinks

Warangal: The task force police, under the supervision of ACP A. Madhusudan and led by inspector M. Ranjith Kumar, seized adulterated and expired cool drinks valued at ₹33,568 during a joint raids with food safety officials at the K&S Cool Drinks Distribution Shop in Warangal on Wednesday. The shop owner, Mohammed Khaleel, 48, a resident of Parameshwari Nilayam, was taken into custody and handed over to food inspector Krishnamurthy for further inves-

### Fake info will land you in trouble, says Anand

Top cop cancels leaves of staff, officers with immediate effect

MOULI MAREEDU I DC HYDERABAD, MAY 7

Stepping up security at all major places and sensitive localities under 'Operation Abhyas' following the government's directions, Hyderabad police commissioner C.V. Anand on Wednesday said that the Hyderabad police have initiated the system of sounding of sirens by patrolling vehicles after 54 years in the city. He said the government has cancelled leaves sanctioned for officers and staff in the police depart-

During the 1971 war period, the siren was used to alert citizens in emergency situations. Now the Hyderabad police opted for a similar method in alerting citizens of emergency situations.

Speaking to media persons on Wednesday, Anand said the police and patrolling vehicles are stationed at different major junctions and sensitive localities and will use sirens to motivate the citizens. The siren played for two minutes at many junctions on Wednesday to alert the vehicle riders to stay off their vehicles and take shelter somewhere temporarily.

The siren alert seeks to inform the citizen that the emergency situation has prevailed and to stay indoors. The passerby must take shelter immediately in emergency situations. It was done in a similar method in the 1971 war period, and now, it was reintroduced Hyderabad," said the police

commissioner. There are 12,000 live CCTVs linked to the police command control centre, where the police keep track of the vehicle movements. In coordination with all the



#### **SAFETY STEPS**

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departments, Hyderabad police have decided to conduct mock drills at four areas.
"The leaves of the staff

and officers have been cancelled with immediate effect and the officers will join duties. There should be restrictions on misinformation on social media and that the police should be alert as some people may create tension through false news. Higher officials should review the respective departments from time to time. There is a need to check whether the equipment of the NDRF department is working properly or not. Security measures and patrolling should be increased near important

### Massive awareness on cybercrime at med colleges, others

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MAY 7

Telangana Security Bureau (TGCSB) on Wednesday organised a massive statewide awareness campaign on trends in cybercrime at colleges, medical institutions, private offices, public gathering points, and bus stands as part of Cyber Jagrukta Diwas.TGCSB director Shikha Goel said that citizens were sensitised on the fake Instagram sari or clothing pages. Fraudsters create polished Instagram pages showcasing sarees and garments using stolen images, offering deep discounts to lure victims.

Payments are collected via UPI and e-wallets, but no products are delivered, or substandard items are sent. These pages often lack refund policies or verified business credentials. Citizens were advised to verify sellers, look for reviews, and avoid newly created accounts. "Scammers approach individuals with

offers involving tasks like liking videos. Small incentives are initially paid to build trust, after victims are coaxed which into investing larger amounts to unlock "higher rewards". These scams vanish once money is transferred. TGCSB cautioned the public to be wary of job

easy online job



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**TIPS** 

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offers that demand upfront investments and operate exclusively on WhatsApp/Telegram, Shikha Goel said.

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### SC overturns HC order on Srilakshmi in mining scam

VUJJINI VAMSHIDHAR I DC

The Supreme Court on Wednesday overturned the Telangana High Court's 2022 judgment that had discharged AP IAS officer Yerra Srilakshmi from the Obulapuram Mining Company (OMC) illegal mining case. With the apex court ordering a fresh trial of Srilakshmi's role in the Obulapuram mining scam, the officer will have to attend hearings before the CBI court

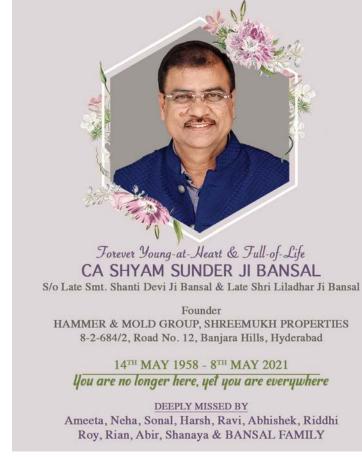
Only on Tuesday, the CBI court in Hyderabad had found OMC owner Gali Janardhan Reddy and six others guilty in the case, including for-

mer mines officer V.D. Rajagopal on misuse of office and other charges.

The same allegations were made by the CBI Srilakshmi, against Accused No. 6 in the OMC case. As secretary of industries in the undivided AP govern-ment, Srilakshmi on 18.06.2007 issued a final recommendation prioritising OMC and sidelining competing firms like Sathavahana Ispat Nigam Ltd, despite its operational a pig iron plant. She also omitted the words "captive usage", which allowed the OMC owners to sell the ore elsewhere.

The justification for prioritisation was an alleged plan to establish an integrated steel plant, Brahmani Industries

approved the same day, and a GO was issued, granting the mining lease to OMC in respect of 68.50 hectares in Survey No.s 1 and 2, Anthargangamma Konda, Siddapuram and Malapanagudi, which was contrary to the notif i c a t i o n dt.12.07.2004.There were allegations that Srilakshmi deliberately omitted the term "captive usage" from the lease, facilitating ore exports and local sales, contrary to public policy. The lease deed was executed on 19.06.2007 between the assistant director of mines and geology Srinivas Reddy of the OMC.



### Security drill



- DEEPAK DESHPANDE nationwide defence preparedness.

### HYDRAA razes sheds

CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MAY 7

HYDRAA demolished sheds built on illegally occupied government land Kandikal Bandlaguda mandal on Wednesday, recovering over 2,500 square yards of Survey No.s 303 and 306, occupied by Syed Bashiruddin and Syed Amidullah Hussain.



**HYDRAA** demolishes structures with the support of police.

sheds without permission and tried to register the land on their

Following the complaint from locals at the Prajavani pro-HYDŔAA gramme, officials inspected the area and confirmed it as government land. Two months ago, the High Court had given orders to remove the structures. HYDRAA team demolished the structures with the support of local police and placed signboards

affirming that it was

government land.

### **CHOREOGRAPHER DIES IN APTT** FIRE MISHAP DC CORRESPONDENT

A 38-year-old dance choreographer died in a fire mishap at an apartment Puppalaguda Narsingi at around on Tuesday 2.30am

According to Narsingi Inspector Hari Krishna Reddy, the deceased has identified Porkati Veerkand Reddy, resident of Qutub Arcade Apartment. The fire is suspected to have erupted from Veerkand's room's air conditioner.

members, including two minors, were present in the house when the incident occurred. The family members, who are safe, have been identified as - Porkathi Garpkash Reddy, 76, his wife Vijaya, 60, and a 14year-old and an eightyear-old.



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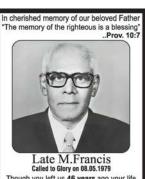
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#### 22 ultras killed in Karregutta encounter PULI SHARATH KUMAR I DC In the past two weeks alone four women Maoists strongholds in the Telangana-Chhattisgarh forest belt. Officials

WARANGAL, MAY 7

Twentytwo Maoists were killed in an encounter that took place between the Maoists and security forces at the Karregutta hills located on the Telangana-Chhattisgarh border in the early hours on Wednesday. Officials confirmed that combing operations were still ongoing in the densely-forested terrain and as a result the

death toll could rise. According to official sources, a joint task force comprising personnel from the DRG, COBRA, Bastar and **Fighters** the



tion over the past 15 days in the Karregutta region. The operation, being overseen by ADG Vivekanand Sinha and Rakesh CRPF IG Aggarwal has resulted in the seizure of a large

cache of arms, ammuni-

tion and explosives.

The encounter began early Wednesday in the Usur block of Bijapur district where the Maoists taken Intelligence inputs had indicated the presence of senior Maoist leaders including military pla-toon in-charge Madhavi

intensified search opera-

prompting an

have been killed with hundreds of Maoist hideouts and underground bunkers destroyed. On Tuesday night, an earlier gunfight resulted in the death of a woman Maoist from whom a .303 rifle was recovered. Sources said the securi-

ty forces have uncovered and defused nearly 200 **IEDs** during Karregutta operation. Despite this, two security personnel were injured in separate IED explosions over the past two days and were airlifted to Bijapur hospital for treatment. Ōperation Kagar' aims

eliminate

security personnel have surrounded the Maoistinfested zones with search and surveillance aided by drones, signal towers and K9 units for detecting underground bunkers. The encounter site is now firmly under the control of security forces,

who have established forward base camps in areas like Dhobe Hills and Neelam Sarai, and are setting up another camp near Alubaka. Authorities remain cautious, keeping a close watch on potential threats from hidden explo-Maoist sives or ambushes.





D. Sridhar Babu

### **RECORD 57K GOVT JOBS FILLED IN A YEAR: SRIDHAR**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MAY 7

Industries and IT minister D Sridhar Babu on Wednesday announced that the government, led by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, has successfully filed 57,000 government positions within a year — a remarkable achievement at the national level.

Speaking at the inauguration of a building at Natco Zilla Parishad High School in Kothur, Shadnagar constituency, the minister underscored the government's commitment to strengthening public education. He said efforts were underway to equip all govern-ment schools with digital classrooms, aiming to raise academic standards through a structured,

approach.

He said the objective was to ensure students in government institutions perform on par with their peers in private schools. Emerging technologies, including artificial intel-ligence, were being integrated into the curriculum to make students future-ready. He stressed that teachers play a vital role in restoring public trust in government schools. Long-pending teacher promotions have been cleared, and specialised Committees" have been set up to monitor school operations

### **CELEBRATIONS ERUPT OVER ARMY STRIKES IN PAK**

and ensure accountability.

NARENDER **PULLOOR | DC** NIZAMABAD, MAY 7

Celebrations broke out across Nizamabad and Kamareddy districts on Wednesday as resi dents hailed the Indian Army's strikes on terrorist groups in Pakistan. Youths, in particular, enthusiastically took part in rallies held at sevlocations, waving the national flag and raising slogans in support of the armed

Rallies were held in izamabad. Armoor, Balkonda and other places, reflecting widespread support for the Army's action. In Mamidipally village of Makloor mandal—widely known as an 'Army village' with 18 youths currently serving in the forces—jubilant scenes were witnessed following the announcement of the air strikes.

Speaking to DeccanChronicle, retired soldier Janakiram said he left the Army four years ago. "If I am recalled, I am ready to join anti-terrorist operations again," he said with pride. Laxmi, the mother of a jawan serving in Jammu and Kashmir, said, "We have been anxious ever since the Pahalgam attack on tourists. My son speaks to us regularly over the phone, but we are constantly worried. Still, we are proud of the Army for striking

the terrorist camps."

Meanwhile, the Congress
party organised a candlelight in Nizamabad on Wednesday night to honour the victims of the Pahalgam terror attack in J&K. State government advisor Mohammed Ali Shabbir, took

celebrations on May 11

Hyderabad: Hare Krishna Golden

Temple will celebrate Sri Narasimha

Jayanti with day-long spiritual and cultural events on May 11. The festival

marks the divine appearance of Lord Narasimha, the half-man, half-lion

incarnation of Lord Vishnu, who man-

ifested from a pillar to protect His devo-

tee Prahlada from his demonic father Hiranyakshipu. The Hare Krishna Golden Temple among the ancient Sri

Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy temples

of Hyderabad. The temple's deity is a

Swayam Vyakta (self-manifested). Sri

Satya Gaura Chandra Dasa Prabhuji,

president of Hare Krishna Movement,

said elaborate arrangements were

underway for the celebrations which

will be held at Telangana's first golden

### **Revanth to lead solidarity** rally at Secretariat today

As a nation, we stand united behind our soldiers, says CM

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MAY 7

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will lead a solidarity rally from the Secretariat to Necklace Road at 6 pm on Thursday in support of the Indian armed forces airstrikes against Pakistan. rally will see participation from ministers, government officials and the general public to express their gratitude and solidarity with the armed forces. Revanth Reddy along

with Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka Wednesday reviewed the arrangements for solidarity rally.

He asked officials to plan meticulously to ensure the rally's success and urged the public, particularly the youth and students, to



Command and Control Centre in Hyderabad on BY ARRANGEMENT Wednesday.

to show their support. "This rally is a symbol of people's collective appreciation for the bravery of our armed forces, said Revanth Reddy. "We want to send a mes-

sage that, as a nation, we

stand united behind our

The Chief Minister said that the rally was an opportunity for the people of Telangana to express their gratitude to armed

Hailing Operation Sindoor, Revanth Reddy added, "As an Indian citizen first, I stand strongly with our armed forces. The strikes against terror factories in Pakistan and PoK make us proud. Let us make this a moment for national solidarity and unity, and all of us speak in one voice-Jai

It may be recalled that Revanth Reddy had led a candlelight rally on April 25, from People's Plaza to the Indira Gandhi statue, Necklace Road, to protest the terror attack on Indian tourists in Pahalgam. At that time, the Chief

Minister had demanded strong action from Prime Minister Narendra Modi against Pakistan and called for the merger of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir

### Owaisi hails strikes on Pak terror hubs

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MAY 7

chief and Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi welcomed the miscamps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu Kashmir under Operation Sindoor, and said that that Pakistan's terror framework must be completely destroyed. In a statement on his 'X'

handle, Owaisi also said

that Pakistan's deep state should be taught a lesson to make sure an incident like the Pahalgam attack does not happen happen. He ended his tweet with

Owaisi also shared a

brief video of him wearing a Tricolour turban "Pakistan and raising murdabad slogans. Zindabad, 'Bharat Pakistan murdabad," Owaisi is heard saying; the video is from a recent



public meeting in Bihar. Owaisi also directed

party corporators and

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IN A statement on his

MLAs Chrandrayangutta Karwan Assembly constituencies to participate in the civil defence drills.

### **SUPPORT DEF.** FORCES, CM **URGES PARTIES**

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Ministers and officials were asked to cancel for-eign trips to focus on the situation. The Chief Minister called for political unity, urging parties to support the defence forces and avoid inflammatory rhetoric. He warned government employees against making controversial statements in the media or on social platforms, cautioning of strict disciplinary action.
All CCTV cameras

across the three police commissionerates Greater Hyderabad must be integrated into the central command system, the CM directed. Police personnel have been asked to remain on high alert and engage with peace committees to maintain communal harmony. He asked officials to intensify surveillance in all district headquarters and other sensitive zones

To combat the spread misinformation, Revanth Reddy said a 24/7 toll-free number will be launched, along with a dedicated special cell to curb fake news prevent panic. Cybersecurity measures are also being reinforced, he added. Officials were instructed to stock emergency medicines and blood supplies, ensure the availability of hospital beds and strengthen coordination with the Red Cross.

Food reserves will also be boosted to meet any emergency needs, the Revanth Reddy said



Revenue minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy inaugurates developmental projects in Wazedu and Venkatapuram

### No cash, will keep vows: Ponguleti

**PULI SHARATH KUMAR I DC** WARANGAL, MAY 7

Despite prevailing economic challenges in the state, the government is pressing ahead with its commitment to welfare and development, said revenue minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, while inaugurating a series of developmental and welfare projects in Wazedu

Venkatapuram mandals of Mulugu district on Wednesday. In the Wazedu mandal,

the minister distributed Indiramma housing sanction documents to 57 beneficiaries in Kongala village and 64 beneficiaries in Nagaram village. Later, Patrapuram Venkatapuram mandal, he laid the foundation stone for a deputy executive engineer (PR) office building, to be constructed for ₹60 lakh.

Addressing the gather-

the previous BRS government had left the state burdened with a debt of ₹8.19 lakh crore. He said Congress-led Indiramma government is not only addressing this fiscal crisis but is also implementing its welfare agenda effectively. He said the government is committed to providing Indiramma houses to every poor family, with ₹5 lakh allocated per unit and reaffirmed that all key poll promises are being fulfilled. These include the distribution of 6 kg of fine rice per person from Ugadi and recruiting for 57,662 gov-ernment jobs within ten months of assuming office. The minister said several flagship initiatives are being rolled out, including the Bhu Bharati Act to benefit small and marginal farmers and the Rajiv Vikas scheme aimed at support-

ing unemployed youth



award to Venkat Jagdish Nalluri, at an event

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RACHEL DAMMALA I DC HYDERABAD, MAY 7

Amid a growing faculty crunch in major government medical colleges across Telangana, the state unit of the Telangana Government Association (TGGDA) has written to Damodar Rajnarsimha urging immediate relaxation of the ongoing ban on transfers for professor-level posts. The association has also sought urgent steps to fill vacant professor posts in four key institutions — Medical Osmania College, Gandhi Medical College, Kakatiya Medical College, and Government Medical College Nizamabad — by allowing transfers of eligible senior faculty

members. In the representations submitted on Wednesday, the association pointed out that the transfer ban was hampering the academic and healthcare capacities of the state's top medical colleges.

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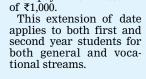
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June 23, 2025) and 07426 (May 13 to June 24) will run on Mondays and

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### Chronicle

### As India strikes Pak terror, be ready to face escalation

ndia is at war — against Pakistan-based terror. The country took its operations against sponsored terror up several notches by striking out at the infrastruc-ture of groups like Lashkar-e-Tayyaba and Jaish-e-Mohammad at nine sites in PoK and in the Pakistani heartland of Punjab in places like Bahawalpur that housed the HQ of the notorious JeM, led by Masood Azhar.

Operation Sindoor, as it was emotionally titled in response to the Pahalgam terror attack in which 26 civilians lost their lives, was of a different calibre altogether. Earlier surgical-strike responses to terror attacks in Kashmir in 2016 and 2019 were limited actions in PoK. India's military operation in the early hours of May 7 is symbolic of the highest capabilities of the combined forces in carrying out tar-

The act of coordinated strikes named Operation Sindoor was "measured, nonescalatory and proportionate", according to the official statement of the foreign secretary. And yet even a diehard optimist will not imagine that this will follow the pattern of previous strikes of non-escalatory tit-for-tat military manoeuvres since there is every likelihood of Pakistan responding with force.

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ed to ensure the least possible collateral damage at nine locations, four in the Punjab and five in PoK. At least half a dozen civilian deaths were reported while the number of terrorists eliminated may have been, according to reports, 10 times higher.

Even so, Pakistan's immediate response at dawn on Wednesday was to pepper Kashmir with more of the indiscriminate artillery shelling of the last several days since the diplomatic standoff saw many restrictive measures introduced by both countries. More than nine may have been killed in the shelling and several more injured in villages along the LOC and the International Border.

Considering the loss of lives of innocent villagers, the stark truth is India is also at war now with Pakistan. The neighbour may have been playing games in making sure the count was 26 in India's Operation Sindoor that equates it with the Pahalgam deaths. But it was not the number so much as the religious discrimination and the manner of

hits at innocent tourists in Kashmir that so incensed India to retaliate as it did.

The approbation from a population of 140 crore people, who will see Operation Sindoor as not just revenge but a lesson with a message that Pakistan cannot afford to ignore, is to be savoured by the nation. The strategically well thought out military strike has elicited praise while the briefing by the spokespersons chosen from the armed forces in two women officers was well-directed and free of clutter.

This might, however, mean that the nation must be prepared for anything that a religiously indoctrinated general leading the Pakistan army might see as his "proportionate" response to the strike deep inside Pakistan territory as in Bahawalpur that is 100 km from the border even as the Shehbaz Sharif government is itching

The strangest part is Pakistan's denials of complicity in the Pahalgam attack have been feeble even as the Western world accepted India's charge of a direct Pakistan hand in guiding the terror attacks on Kashmir, including through Pakistani nationals handled from there.

It should have come as no surprise that China has been one of the few nations to stand behind Pakistan. If anyone can dissuade Pakistan from this path of directing terror at Kashmir as well as de-escalate at this point of extreme tensions post-Pahalgam attack and the Operation Sindoori response, it is the Chinese leadership. Truth to tell, both nations have only lost in the several wars fought since 1947.

### Judges' assets: SC sets example

The judiciary may be the weakest of the pillars of democracy if one were to assess them by the people and the machinery at their command but it gains its strength from the moral high ground it has claimed for itself. There are many elements that sustains this place which include the fairness with which it handles matters, the impartiality it demonstrates when called on to adjudicate on complex matters and the transparency with which the institution works. The latest decision of the Supreme Court of India to place the annual statement of assets it received on its website for public perusal is a landmark that will add to the glory of the institution.

As it stands today, the asset statements of 21 of the 33 judges of the Supreme Court have been published in the statement and those of the other judges will also be published as they are filed, as per the Supreme Court. The process will reach its logical end when the other judges as well as those in the High Courts also follow in their footsteps and declare their assets for the public to view. At some point, it may be extended to the lower judiciary, too.

There have been allegations of corruption against the judiciary at all levels, and they were raised by members of the legal fraternity itself. A judge of the Supreme Court is on record saying half of all judges in the higher judiciary are corrupt and surveys have pointed to people's low esteem for the judiciary when it comes to probity. It is not that the judges do not know that they have been hit with muck but there have been no serious attempts to correct the wrong. The publication of the assets of the members of the highest court of the land may be seen as the first step towards cleaning that mess.

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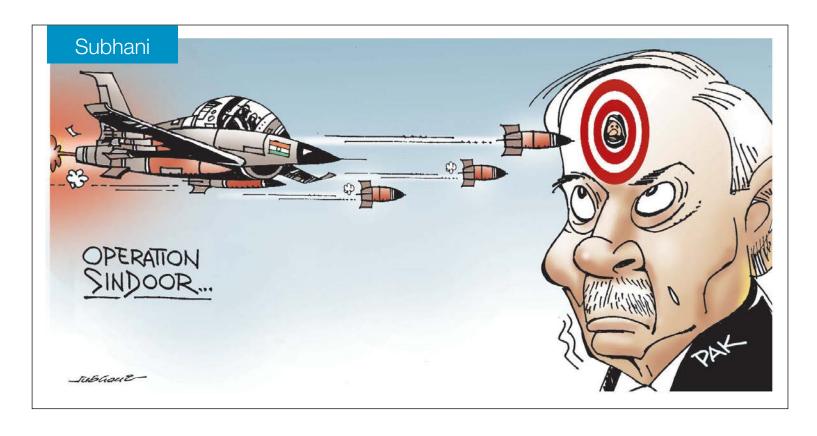
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### Precision strike effective way to keep Pak in check



Syed Ata Hasnain

Wednesday, May 7, the nation woke up to what it was expecting for quite some time, a surgical strike of a different kind; without crossing the borders anywhere, a technical strike with precision involving all three branches of the armed forces. After the gruesome terrorist attack in Pahalgam, public sentiment against Pakistan had risen sky high. Although the government's decisions taken during the meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) on April 23 were considered adequate in many ways, it was always perceived that the CCS created for the armed forces a window of opportunity in which to prepare and strike. The strikes were well timed and effectively choreographed with a deception plan which was optimally played out and defence measures.

The optics put out on the electronic media during the fortnight preceding the strike also contributed to the overall effectiveness. Very importantly, the choice of the name for the operation conveys a lot. "Operation Sindoor" signifies revenge and retribution for the heinous act of the sponsored proxies in Pahalgam, in sending a large number of Hindu women to widowhood by the cold-blooded murder of their husbands, after religious profiling. The sindoor is symbolic of married Hindu women who colour the parting of the hair using the red vermillion powder which is removed when widowhood is attained.

Symbolism apart, this is a historic moment for many reasons. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has delivered his promise to the nation and the details deserve a professional analysis. It's the first time that all three wings of the armed forces used their respective technological expertise and resources to deliver retribution on the agents of terror in a most effective way.

Apart from the physicali-

ty of the action it carried,

there were several other

issues involved here. I always had self-doubt on our capability to execute precision strikes on targets of choice. Both Muridke and Bahawalpur are inside built-up areas and it is always risky to undertake strikes against such locations for fear of civilian casualties; after all, India effect even higher. has qualms for human rights and human lives, unlike the Pakistan leadership and especially the "Deep State". In 2016 and 2019 we desisted from targeting these locations but this time, given our advanced technological capability i was important to go just beyond strategic messaging and actually look towards delivering deterrence. Nine locations were selected with great care, both in PoJK and in Punjab, the heartland of Pakistan. Since the NIA has in its preliminary report clearly indicated the coterie of the Pakistan Army, the ISI and the Lashkar-e-Tayyaba, it was important that not just taralso been created. gets in PoK were chosen but in Punjab too. Muridke, the Lashkar headquarters, 40 km from Lahore; Bahawalpur, the Jaish HQ; and Sialkot (Mehmoona Joya camp, where the Pathankot attack was planned); were all struck through smart

usual way responded with a slew of fake news as the Inter Service Public Relations (ISPR) wing wrestles with perception management of the effective precision strikes by India. A matching response is not possible as India has no terrorist bases which Pakistan could target. However, Pakistan has chosen to up the ante with the activation of the Line of Control in both the Kashmir and the Jammu sectors. For the last fort-

Pakistan has in its very usual way responded with a slew of fake news as the Inter Service **Public Relations** (ISPR) wing wrestles with perception management of the effective precision strikes by India.

the message of capability was not lost.

The locations in PoJK were chosen across a wide swathe of the frontage and based upon intelligence inputs. Many of these may have been vacated due to the expectation of a strike, but nevertheless the strike is valuable to the extent that we can always strike the next time without the trigger of an act, such as the Pahalgam attack. In that case, the surprise fac-tor will be high and the

The damage assessment will tell us much, but to my mind it's the action and not the effect that is important. This can be repeated at any time when there is suspicion of an impending terrorist action. What India has done is to establish a precedent for such action without a trigger. The important issue is that no Pakistan military facility or establishment has been targeted; that would have resulted in an immediate response and therefore the escalation would have been imminent. In the incumbent situation, escalation control has been factored in effectively and the options for the future have Pakistan has in its very

night, there has been regular exchange of fire of small arms and other flat trajectory weapons in the Tangdhar, Uri, Poonch and Rajouri sectors. That has now been ratcheted to artillery and mortar fire with a large number of civilian casualties on our side, for which Pakistan has no regret. It is Pakistan's way of expressing its frustration. What cannot be ruled out is a resort to another sub conventional action in J&K over the next few days to once again challenge India. That is because the extension of any sense of proportion and rationalism to Pakistan's actions cannot be expected. If that were to happen, India should keep its arsenal dry for an immediate response, this

time without awaiting any

preparedness. Tĥe international factor is of importance here. We have to bring international opinion on a focus towards condemnation of Pakistan and declare it a state sponsoring trans-border terrorism. With the World Bank's Financial Action Task Force (FATF) we had succeeded in calling out Pakistan; that campaign had effectively forced Pakistan's hand to a limited extent. Pakistan needs to be placed on the "black list" of the FATF and its loans, etc, for which it aspires should be held back subject to its international behavior. India has probably accepted many advisories from the United States regarding escalation and rightly adhered to these. It's now time to raise the issue with not only the US but also several other powers, including the influential Middle Eastern countries with whom India has a higher grade of relationship. The military response is only a one-time measure, although it sends a huge message, but the lasting effect will be of continuing diplomacy to bring Pakistan to be recognised internationally as a pariah

> The writer, a retired lieutenant-general, is a former GOC of the Srinagar-based 15 ("Chinar") Corps

### **LETTERS**

### **OPERATION SINDOOR**

Operation Sindoor is a timely measured action to counter the cowardly terror strike at Pahalgam (Op Sindoor: India strikes back, missiles destroy terror bases, May 7). Hope this will act as a deterrent to terrorists in future.

> **Govind Kumar** Hyderabad

Hearty congratulations to the military for giving Pakistan a fitting reply to the Pahalgam tragedy. Excellent planning, precise execution and dedicated efforts have given a real revenge and fitting

homage to those killed in Pahalgam. Wg Cdr V. Sundaresan (Retd)

India's true victory lies in retaliation, not tolerance or dialogue. By retaliating, India has boosted its military pride and sent a message to neighbours: it will not tolerate ter-rorism and is committed to peace. Mansoor Dashti

Congratulations to PM Narendra Modi and the armed forces. Op Sindoor, targeting terrorists' camps in Pakistan and PoK with surgical precision, while avoiding Pakistan military bases, emphasises India's restraint, showcasing justice and strategic wisdom of a proud nation. P.H. Hema Sagar Secunderabad

India is proud of the armed forces for the flawless planning and execution of Operation Sindoor and terrorist Pakistan and PoK. The whole nation is together and all prepared, physically and emotionally, to counter if Pakistan retaliates.

Pranaya Kumar

Hyderabad

Salute to the Indian armed forces. Wipe out terrorists, their camps, and teach Pakistan a befitting lesson. Jai Hind.

**Abdul Mateen** 

The action taken by IAF with support by ground forces under

Operation Sindoor was precise and

effective message to Pakistan.

N. Nagarajan

It is not a war with Pakistan. The decades-old-old issue is now dealt with sternly consequent upon the Pahalgam tragedy.

N.S.K. Prasad

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#### Pradeep C. Nair



Violence down in Manipur after Prez Rule, but still a long way to go

av 3, 2025 marked two years since the outbreak of violence in Manipur between Meiteis and Kukis, in which **\_**258 people were killed, 60,000 internally displaced, and about 5,000 houses and 400 religious structures destroyed in the mayhem. There has been a lot of focus on the causes of the violence, the events that sparked the disturbances, the remedies and what the future portends for Manipur. But there have also been positives which haven't been reported much in the national media. Manipur has changed immensely in these two years, but all is

The second anniversary of the outbreak has seen less violence, killings, bomb blasts, grenade attacks, sounds of bullets, and it is necessary to know about these. Three major changes that happened at the beginning of the year have gradually and surely put the state on the path to normalcy. The first was the choice of Ajay Kumar Bhalla, a former Union home secretary, as the new Governor on January 3, the second was the resignation of chief minister N. Biren Singh on February 9, and the third the imposition of President's Rule on February 13. The new Governor, with first-hand experience of handling the Manipur crisis as home secretary, got down to business as soon as he took over. He visited the camps of the internally displaced people of both groups, gave them his assurances, met up with multiple civil society organisations, women's organisations (all of which were received very

well), and has constantly emphasised upon them to abhor violence, besides addressing governance matters, including security. He has stood firm on his directions of "peace ought to precede a political solution" as against the constant refrain of "no peace without a solution" that was being insisted

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The overall law and order situation has seen a change. Violence and insurgency related activities have declined and inter-community clashes had also almost ended. After the Governor's announcement that all weapons must be surrendered, 1,044 weapons (official figure) have been surrendered. In the meantime, concerted efforts by the security forces continue in the state to de-weaponise society. The activities of gun-toting private militias, like the Arambai Tengol in the Imphal Valley and the Kuki gunmen in the hills, have been signifi-cantly checked by the security forces. Targeted violence, that included extortion, kidnappings, grenade attacks and other forms of intimidation, have also seen an immense decline. All these have given the common man a sense of relief and security. Road blockades cum checkpoints that had been established by the warring groups had affected the state's economy, besides impacting the sustenance of ordinary citizens. This has now been addressed by the security forces.

Here, mention must be made of the Committee on Tribal Unity (COTU)-led blockade in Kangpokpi that was demolished by the security forces on February 27, which restored arterial access; a very

significant step. Unnoticed has also been the reopening of highways, whereby movement of commodities along NH-2 and NH-37 has re-commenced, which has brought great succour to the people in both the hills and valley. But passenger travel has not yet started, which eventually will happen once both communities start confidence-building measures. With the opening of highways, economic activities that include trade and agriculture have also got a fillip. Of particular significance is the resumption of cultivation by farmers, almost impossible during this period last year and the year before, at this time. In all of this, business activities are also gradually limping back to normalcy.

The USP of Manipur has always been its cultural diversity and the numerous festivals that are celebrated. Ningol Chakkouba, Yaoshang, Cherioba, Thabal Chonga (Meitei festivals), Chavang Kut (Kuki festival), Lui-Ngai-Ni (Naga festival), besides Christmas and Easter (for the Kukis and Nagas) have all been celebrated in the past few months with great zeal and fervour, thereby showcasing the aspirations of society at large, to return to normalcy. Of course, it is still a far cry from what existed earlier, where, in all these festivals, people of all the communities (Meiteis, Nagas and Kukis) would celebrate jointly. It is pertinent to mention here that eventually, that too is something that is not impossible, looking ahead.

A major concern all along has been the re-settlement of the IDPs. It has been a compelling but challenging necessity; however, it is essential to know

that an initial resettlement has commenced in villages like Waraoiching, Manamjang and Haibung in Senapati district and L. Thingliphai near Sugnu (Kakching district); which has set the stage for wider rehabilitation. Alongside, what has gone unnoticed is that a dialogue has been initiated between both communities which was held on April 5. While the outcome of the talks itself is not known, it is prudent to understand that at this stage, it is not necessary to know about the outcome either, given the sharp divide that exists between the two communities and given that the holding of a dialogue the two sides was being thought of as an impossibility just a few months ago.

A lot of criticism has happened in the media over the past two years, which has not only polarised both the communities, but in a broader sense has laid the field bare for interference and indulgences by countries and powers that are inimical to the interests of the Northeast in particular and India at large. The solution to the problem largely rests with the communities that are at loggerheads (by talks and meetings), besides unbiased governance (which, at the moment, appears to be happening). The security forces in the state have been the silent work force behind the baby steps towards normalcy. President's Rule, though not a permanent solution, has surely helped the state at this juncture.

The writer is a retired lieutenant-general who is a former director-general of the Assam Rifles and has extensively served in the Northeast















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E-Tender No.

JHS-N-W-23-25

under ADEN/LINE/JHS (8 yard)

Cost of Tender Form: Nil

### SHORT TAKES **ACB** arrests discom staffer

Hyderabad: The ACB on Wednesday arrested A **Gnaneswar, TGSPDCL assistant** engineer, operations, of Pragathinagar, for demanding a 2 lakh bribe and accepting 10,000 for doing an official favour. Gnaneswar had demanded the bribe from a contactor to issue a work completion order for a 63 KV transformer and installation of three-phase power connection meters. The contractor approached the ACB which mounted the operation. Gnaneswar was remanded by a special court for ACB cases.

### **CONG. LEADER SLAMS BJP MP FOR REMARKS**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MAY 7

Congress senior leader Mujahid Alam Khan on Wednesday strongly condemned the recent spate of what he called "inflammatory and communal statements" made by BJP Medak MP M. Raghunandan Rao. Terming them a deliberate attempt to stoke fear and polarise society on religious lines, Khan said the BJP MP's remarks reflected not only a dangerous mind-set but also complete disregard for constitutional gover-

Khan questioned the BJP MP's alleged repeated targeting of madrasas and the Muslim community under the guise of national security. "It Rao has forgotten that the BJP has been in power at the Centre since 2014. If there is any illegal infiltration of Bangladeshi or Pakistani nationals in Hyderabad, then what has the Union home ministry been doing all these years," he asked. Khan said these were baseless allegations which were not only misleading but a direct question mark on the efficiency of Union home minister Amit Shah and minister of state Bandi Sanjay.

Ridiculing Raghunandan Rao's demand that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy disclose the number of illegal foreigners, Khan said, "The data is maintained by the Union ministry of external affairs, which is under the BJP government, and he should ask Dr Jaishanker."

### **Uttam urges CWC to allocate** water for PRLIS, Sammakka

### Wants panel to assist with studies on Kaleshwaram barrage

BALU PULIPAKA I DC HYDERABAD, MAY 7

Telangana has urged the Central Water Commission (CWC) to expedite water allocation to the Palamuru-Rangareddy lift irriga-tion scheme (PRLIS) and the Sammakka-Sarakka barrage projects, with irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy asking for 134 tmc ft of water for the two projects.

At a meeting with CWC chairman Atul Jain in New Delhi on Wednesday, Uttam Kumar Reddy said Telangana had complied with all of CWC's procedural and documentation requirements for the projects. To start with, Uttam Kumar Reddy urged CWC for an immediate allocation of 45 tmc ft for PRLIS, which can

DC CORRESPONDENT

Chief Justice of Indiadesignate Justice B.R. Gavai praised former CJI Justice N.V. Ramana for

his contribution to the

judiciary and lauded his

vision in making justice

accessible to the people.

"I think Justice Ramana

must be one of the first Chief Justice of India

who had broken that ice

of the judges being isolat-

ed from the public," Justice Gavai said.

Speaking at the launch event of the book titled

Bench: A Judge Speaks", a collection of speeches delivered by Justice Ramana, in Delhi on

Ramana, in Delhi on Wednesday, Justice Gavai

said: "He believed in

going to the people. He

believed in meeting the

'Narratives off

HYDERABAD, MAY 7



Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy with Central Water Commission chairman Atul Jain in New Delhi on Wednesday.

Gavai praises Ramana, says he

made justice accessible to all

Kant and Justice Vikram Nath are also seen.

Justice of India." Supreme Court judges

Justice Surya Kant and Justice Vikram Nath were present on the occa-

sion. Justice Ramana

said the book was not a

commentary on legal doc-

trines but a compilation of his thoughts which he

lift 2 tmc ft of water a day from the Krishna and provide irrigation and

Mahbubnagar, N a g a r k u r n o o l , Vikarabad, Rangareddy, and Vikarabad, Rangareddy, also asked the CWC to to and Nalgonda districts. assist Telangana with

CJI-designate Justice B.R. Gavai (left) speaks at the launch event of 'Narratives off

Justice N.V. Ramana, in Delhi on Wednesday. Supreme Court judges Justice Surya

had shared through vari-

ous public speeches, and the thoughts which

shaped over years of observations, reflections

and inner dialogues. He

said the book also reflect-

ed his experiences as a

student leader, trade

union activist, journalist,

the Bench: A Judge Speaks', a collection of speeches delivered by former CJI

• FOR THE Sammakka-Sarakka barrage, Uttam Kumar Reddy said the project required 44 tmc ft of water a year from Godavari.

The scheme can draw water for 60 days during the flood season using a series of five pumping stations. For the Sammakka-

Sarakka barrage, Uttam Kumar Reddy said the project required 44 tmc ft of water a year from Godavari. This 6.94 tmc ft capacity project, at Thupakulagudem Mulugu district, is designed to stabilise irrigation for around 5.55 lakh hectares, and supply drinking water to several villages. The minister

sive geotechnical and structural review and to advise on corrective measures to restore and safeguard Medĭgadda, Annaram, and Sundilla barrages of the Kaleshwaram project as suggested by the National Dam Safety Authority in its report on

Uttam Kumar Reddy, after the meeting, said he also discussed the issue of illegal diversion of Krishna river water by Andhra Pradesh, and the potential threat to Telangana from the backwaters of AP's Polavaram project. He said the CWC chairman responded positively and assured that the commission will act promptly on the issues discussed on Wednesday.

### **ENCROACHMENT CASES WILL SHIFT**

**DC CORRESPONDENT** HYDERABAD, MAY 7

Encroachment cases registered in law and to be transferred to the HYDRAA police station at Buddha Bhavan, which Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy is scheduled to inaugurate on Thursday. Over 50 cases which are under investigation will transferred to the HYDRAA station. ACP P.Tirumal has been appointed station house officer.

illegal encroachments of public spaces will be handled by the HYDRAA police station. It will also monitor on illegal hoardings, sand smug-gling and unauthorised constructions. It will investigate cases regisduring Prajavani grievance

### **TO HYDRAA PS**

Violations of the WALTA, fire safety laws, updates in this regard

राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान, कुरूक्षेत्र NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KURUKSHETRA (Under the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India) KURUKSHETRA-136119

Opening of tender: 30.05.2025, Time 15:00

Admission in Ph.D. Program in Odd Semester of

Academic Year 2025-26

www.ireps.gov.ir

National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra invites online applications via Google Form from indian and Foreign nationals for admission in the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Degree Programmes on Full time (Institute/CSIR-UGC-NET-JRF Project), Visvesvaraya Fellowship Scheme, Self-Financed Full Time and Part Time seats for

Number of Seats, Online Application Form Link, and other relevant details along with Ph.D. Regulation are available on the Institute website: www.nitkkr.ac.in under Admission 2025-> Ph.D. tab.

All interested candidates may fill the Google Form latest by June 10. 2025, 05:00 p.m. If the application is incomplete or any information is found misleading/false at any point during or after the admission process, the candidate's candidature/admission will be cancelled and the application fee will not be refunded in any case.

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWA'

E-Tender Notice No.: Sr.DEE/RS/ELS/CNB/2025-26/ET-01 & ET-02 Date: 06.05.2025

E-TENDER NOTICE

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/RS/N.C. Rly. /Kanpur, for and on behalf of the

President of India, invite the following open E-Tender for the following work up to

Name of work: Repair of converter module of IGBT based Traction Converter of

Approximate Value (In Rs.): Rs.42,82,448.00 (Rs. Forty-Two Lakh Eighty-Two

Bid Security (In Rs.): 85,700.00 (Rs. Eighty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Only

Name of work: Finish, Machining work of rough axles for WAG-7 loco as pe

CLW Drg. No. 06/02/11/3 (WAG-7) Qtv. 110 Nos. & WAG-9 loco as per wheelse axle Drg. No. 1209-01:011-002 qty. 120 nos. for Electric Locomotive at Electr

Approximate Value (In Rs.): Rs.1,65,74,851.30 (Rs. One Crore Sixty-Five Lakl

Bid Security (In Rs.): Rs. 2,32,900.00 (Rs. Two Lakh Thirty-Two Thousand Nine

Note: - 1. The complete information along with tender document of above

e-Tenders is available on website **www.ireps.gov.in** up to due date & time o

tender opening. 2. Bids, other than in the form of E-Bids, shall not be accepted against above Tenders. For this purpose, venders are required to get themselves

registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificates issued

by CCA under IT Act-2000. 3. Offer rates quoted in the form of e-tender schedule

& duly signed digitally shall be final. No other documents related to offer rates shall be entertained. Tenderers are advised not to attach any document related

to offer rates (except undertaking(s) asked). These documents shall be treated as NULL and void and shall not be considered for evaluation of offer.

4. Documents being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. 5 This tender notice has also been uploaded on www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in

6. In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be

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GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH,

WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER,

MAHANADI PROJECT, RAIPUR

(CHHATTISGARH)

**e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE** 

eProcurement Portal: https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in

(First Call)

Online Tenders are invited for the following work upto

Name of Work: Construction of Balance Earth work & 12

(As per S.O.R dated 01.08.2010 and amended upto dated

The details can be viewed & downloaded online directly from

the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement

portal (https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in) from date 09.05.2025.

R.D.69.28 Km.

Probable Amount of Contract: Rs. 1498.33 Lakhs

Nos. Masonry Structures of R.S.N.D. (Phase

II) Main Canal from R.D.61.30 Km to

Dated: 02.05.2025

SYSTEM TENDER No. 167678/ NIT No.: 02/SAC/25-26,

Seventy-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-One and Thirty paisa Only)

Tender Opening Date & Time. The details of the tenders are as under: -

M/s BT make MICAS based 3-phase loco for ELS/CNB.

Please visit Institute website regularly for any announcement or

No.Gen-1/Advt/3866/2425

Tender No.: ELS-CNB-2025-26-ET-01

Completion period of Work: 06 Months

Completion period of Work: 24 Months

Tender Opening Date & Time: 29.05.2025 & 15:30 hrs.

Tender Document Cost (In Rs.) : NIL

Sd/- Registrar I/c

### people. I think he was truly the people's Chief Egg supplier gets reprieve

The vacation panel of the Telangana High Court comprising Justice Surepalli Nanda and Justice J. Sreenivas Rao extended the opportunity of personal hearing to a firm that is facing blacklisting by the state government in connection with lapses in supply of eggs under a nutrition scheme. The judges were hearing a writ appeal filed by Prashant Poultry Private Limited challenging the order passed in a writ petition which had upheld the decision but held that indefinite blacklisting was harsh and remanded the matter to the authorities to reconsider the period. In the present writ appeal, the appellant contended that the impugned order was passed without affording the opportunity of personal hearing and that the blacklisting disqualified it from participating in tenders floated on March 30, 2025, with the deadline being May 15. The Advocate-General, appearing for the state, opposed the plea, stating that the petitioner had failed to respond to six showcause notices and did not appear before the authorities. The state cited serious lapses in the delivery of eggs. The panel, while partially modifying the earlier order, held that the absence of a personal hearing required reconsideration and directed the authorities to grant a personal hearing to the appellant and pass a fresh



reasoned order on or before May 14. The appellant has been directed to submit its explanation within three days.

#### **EALTH VARSITY TOLD** TO ACT ON SEAT PLEA

Justice Pulla Karthik directed Kaloji Narayana Rao University for Health Sciences to consider and pass an appropriate order by Thursday on a fresh representation to be submitted on Wednesday by Nova Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre, which sought consent of affiliation for enhancement of 100 MBBS seats. The direction was issued while dealing with a writ plea filed by the institute, challenging the inaction on the part of the university in acting on its representation dated January 20, 2025. The petitioner contended that the delay in issuing the consent of affiliation (COA) was arbitrary. Senior counsel Sunil Ganu, appearing for the petitioner, argued that the insistence on producing an essentiality or noobjection certificate was not legally required. Counsel

Inscriptions trace Buddhism rise, fall

records the donation of caves

by a person from the Haritiputra lineage — likely

connected to the Chutu dynasty

Hakusiri, a Satavahana prince.

Akusiri mitasa ivakhamitam,"

offers strong evidence of

The second inscription, dated

to the 6th century CE, is

engraved in Sanskrit using

early Telugu-Kannada charac-

Buddhist patronage.

The text, "Putasa ku(ma)rasa

in honour of Kumara

commission pointed out that the filed representation was acknowledgement, raising doubts whether the representation was submitted. The judge, after hearing both sides, directed submission of a fresh representation by the petitioner and its consideration by the respondent authorities

#### **HC RESTRAINS SPF FROM** HALTING CONSTRUCTION

Justice Pulla Karthik injuncted the additional director-general of the Telangana Special Protection Force and other authorities from interfering with the ongoing construction of a residential house at Ameenpur in Sangareddy district. The judge was hearing a writ plea filed by Chintala Venkata Narayana and Kanta Reddy Ashok Reddy, who contended that they possessed a valid house construction permit for a plot situated at Ameenpur. The petitioners alleged that the Telangana Special Protection Force and Ameenpur police were obstructing their construction activity without authority or notice. Counsel for the petitioner also pointed out an earlier order passed in their favour in a writ plea, directing the authorities to issue notice and conduct an enquiry before interfering. The judge posted the matter after the summer vacation. Full reports in

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### Divisional Railway Manager (Works) N.C. Railway, Jhansi for and behalf of

lawyer and judge.

"I have tried to crys-

tallise these experiences into words. The judiciary

is not a mere adjudicator

of disputes. It is a symbol

of constitutional morali-

ty. It is one of the last

remaining spaces of hope

for the common man.

**E-TENDERING TENDER NOTICE** 

**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY** 

President of India invites sealed "Open Tender" through on Line (E-Tendering) for the following work

**Description of Work:** Yard improvement P.way work in Jhansi Parauna section (8 yards) under ADEN/HQ-1 section.

Approx Cost (Rs.): ₹77737130.28

Date of Closing Tender: 28.05.2025 15:00 hrs

Date of completion / period from issue acceptance letter: 12 Months

Tender on line can be submitted up to 15:00 hrs. on 28.05.2025.

For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways websit

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### **NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY**

(E-Tender) as detailed below-E-Tender Notice No.: 1220252026-42, Name of Work: SFG-BMU-

Approx Cost (In Rs.): 2,34,69,415.65 Earnest Money (In Rs.): 2,67,400.00 Nature of work: Any Civil Engineering works.

E-Tender Notice No.: 1220252026-43, Name of Work: Subedargan Provision of one additional room with toilet in 24 Nos. Type \

Nature of work: Construction of building. Date & Time of Closing of tender: 30.05.2025 at 12.00 PM, Completion Period: 09 Months., Note: For full details and submission of tenders

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ADMISSION NOTICE 2025	5-26		
IMPORTANT DATES	Opening	Closing	
Online Application for M.Tech. Gate/ Non-GATE, MBA, E-MBA & Ph.D. Programmes	22.04.2025	02.06.2025	
Online Application for B.Tech. Programme	19.05.2025	*30.06.2025	
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Closing date may be extended based on declaration of XII class & National Level Test results

2. M.Tech. Two years Regular Degree Programme in (i) Marketing (ii) Finance (iii) Food & Agribusiness following streams:

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Divisional Railway Manager North Central Railway, Prayagraj, for and or pehalf of the President of India, invites online open tenders

Construction of Compound wall between SFG-BMU section to prevent trespassing.

duplex quarter in Railgaon colony.

please see the website www.ireps.gov.in. 791/25 (D)

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Note:- All eligible/interested contractors/bidders are mandated to get enrolled on the Integrated e-procurement portal (https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in) and get approval on specific vendor class from PWD under centralised Environmental Sciences (AES) contractor/supplier registration in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process.

22.08.2022)

23.05.2025 at 17:30 hours.

at 17:31 Hours. (IST) onwards.

Sd/- Executive Engineer M.R.P. Phase II Work Division, Raipur For, Chief Engineer, Mahanadi Project Raipur (C.G.)

G-252600672/3

tion, written in Prakrit language using the Brahmi script,

**PULI SHARATH KUMAR I DC** 

The epigraphical exploration in

Gattusingaram in Peddapalli

the Gundaram forest near

district has shed light on the

rise and decline of Buddhism at

a single site over a span of six

centuries, said E. Munirathnam

Reddy, director (epigraphy),

Archaeologists have deci-

phered two inscriptions etched

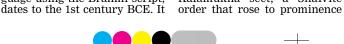
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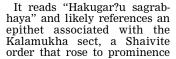
Dr Reddy said the first inscrip-

KARIMNAGAR, MAY 7

ASI, in a statement.

known as Sitammalodi.





The presence of two inscriptions from distinctly different religious traditions and time

as Buddhism was witnessing a

marked decline in the region.

periods at the same site provides a compelling narrative. It highlights Buddhism's flourishing state in the 1st century BCE and its gradual decline by the 6th century CE with the rise of Kalamukhas.

"These findings not only enrich the understanding of the Deccan's dynamic religious history but also open new avenues for archaeological and cultural research in Telangana," Dr Reddy added.

THURSDAY | 8 MAY 2025 HYDERABAD | DECCAN CHRONICLE

### SHORT TAKES **PAK SCRAMBLES FOR RESPONSE AFTER STRIKES**

VINEETA PANDEY | DC with agencies input **NEW DELHI, MAY 7** 

Chaos and confusion reigned in Pakistan on Wednesday morning as a stunned nation scrambled to respond after India launched anti-terror strikes in the pitch dark of midnight. Among the dead were family members and close associates of Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) Masood Azhar.

With fireballs lighting up the nine terror centres targeted by Indian forces, Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif called emergency meetings with the armed forces, his Cabinet, and the National Security Committee (NSC). The Pakistani Prime Minister also addressed the National Assembly after the strikes, urging the opposition to unite and rally behind the current leadership in this grave situa-

### **CHINA CALLS ON INDIA, PAKISTAN FOR RESTRAINT**

**Beijing, May 7:** China on Wednesday called on India and Pakistan to exercise maximum restraint in the "larger" interest of peace and stability of the region and said it will play a "constructive role" in easing the tensions by working with the international commu-

"We are concerned about the ongoing situation," China's Foreign Ministry said after Indian armed forces early Wednesday carried out missile strikes on nine terror targets in Pakistan and Pakistanoccupied Kashmir in retaliation for the Pahalgam terror attack.

"India and Pakistan are and will always be each other's neighbours. They are both China's neighbours as well," it



A journalist walks through the rubble of a mosque damaged by Op Sindoor in Muridke in Pakistan's Puniab province on

### INDIA USED RIGHT TO RESPOND, **SAYS RAJNATH**

FROM PAGE 1

The operation, which lasted from 1.05 am to 1.30 am, was tions room by the Chief of Defence Staff and all three service chiefs, as well as the foreign secretary and top security officials. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was also moni-

toring the situation. "Total surprise was achieved. Pakistan was caught totally unawares," a top security official said. Defence minister Rajnath Singh, said that India had used its "right to respond" to the Pahalgam terror attack and that the targets were destroyed as per plan. "We have followed the ideals of Lord Hanuman. Just as he said during the destruction of Ashok Vatika — 'jin mohi maara, tin mohi maare' (I only struck those who attacked me) - we too have targeted only those who killed our innocent peo-

ple," Singh said. Five terrorist locations in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) and four in Pakistan's Punjab were targeted in precision strikes, including places associated with the 26/11 Mumbai attack, and the Gulmarg (2024), Poonch (2023), pilgrims (June 2024), Pathankot Air Force base and Pahalgam terror attacks. The terror locations hit in Pakistan's Punjab included the Jaish headquarters in Bahawalpur, 100 km from the international border. The Lashkar-e-Tayyaba headquarters at Muridke in Punjab, where 26/11 terrorist Ajmal Kasab and David Coleman Headley were trained, was hit four times by India. The Sawai Nala camp in Muzaffarabad, in PoK, a key LeT training facility, which was associated with terrorists involved in Pahalgam, was also targeted.

Union home minister Amit Shah said the strikes were a befitting reply to those who dare to challenge India's borders, military and citizens.

# INDIA'S FIERCE REPLY

• Measured response • Intel monitoring • Terrorists brought to justice

SRIDHAR KUMARASWAMI I DC NEW DELHI, MAY 7

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri on Wednesday described India's military strikes on terror targets in Pakistan and PoK as "measured, nonescalatory, proportionate, and responsible" response to the Pahalgam terrorist attack. He said that the country was focused on dismantling terrorist infrastructure and disabling terrorists, who are likely to be sent across to India.

The Foreign Secretary said "intelligence monitoring of Pakistan-based terrorist modules indicated that further attacks against India were impending," and added that "there was thus a compulsion both to deter and to pre-empt.

Pointing out that "it was deemed essential the perpetrators and planners of the April 22 Pahalgam attack be brought to justice," Misri said that "Pakistani and Pakistan-trained terrorists belonging to the Lashkar-e-Tayyaba (LeT) carried out the savage attack" on tourists in Pahalgam. He added that India's latest actions should be seen in the context of the recent UN Security Council (UNSC) call to "hold perpetrators, organisers, financiers, and sponsors of this (Pahalgam attack) reprehensible act of terrorism accountable and bring them to justice."

"A group calling itself The Resistance Front (TRF) has claimed responsibility for the attack. This group is a front for the UN-proscribed Pakistani terrorist organisa-tion, Lashkar-e-Tayyaba (LeT). It is notable that India provided inputs about the TRF in the half-yearly reports to the Monitoring Team of the UN's 1267 Sanctions Committee in May and November 2024, highlighting its role as a cover for Pakistan-based terrorist groups. Earlier too, in December 2023, India informed the Mo-Team LeT and Jaish-e-Mohammad operating through smaller terror groups such as TRF. Pakistan's pressure to remove references to TRF in the April 25 UN Security Council press statement is notable in this context."

The foreign secretary said that "investigations into the terror attack have revealed communication nodes linking the terrorists to and within Pakistan." He noted that "claims made by TRF and their reposting by known social media handles of the LeT speak for themselves," adding that our intelligence has developed an accurate picture of the planners and backers of the team that carried out the Pahalgam terror attack." Misri further stated: "The attack in Pahalgam was marked by extreme barbarity, with the victims mostly killed by headshots from close range and in front of their families. Family members were deliberately traumatised by the manner of the killings, accompanied by exhortations to carry the message back."

### TERROR CAMPS DESTROYED BY INDIA IN OP SINDOOR



**ABBAS, KOTLI** Nerve centre for training Lashkar-e- Taiba (LeT) suicide bombers; key infrastructure for 50+ terrorists.



MURIDKE Secondary facility within Muridke complex, targeted to ensure no operational capability remained



**BAHAWALPUR** Primary base for JeM's planning and



**SARJAL, SIYALKOT** Training and logistics hub for crossborder terrorist

infiltration.



Storage and training camp for terrorist operatives.



**SYEDNA BILAL** Important site for militant training and arms



Headquarters and

largest training centre of LeT; multiple strikes to ensure complete destruction.



**BARNALA** 

Used for recruitment and training



JAISH-E-MOHAMMAD concealed its

communication network in a primary health centre in Tehra Kalan village in

THE TERROR camp at Sarjal, located in Shakargarh, Punjab, Pakistan had a tall antenna designed for high-frequency

THIS CRITICAL target was a long-standing concern for security agencies.

THE SITE housed a High Frequency communication setup that is essential for planning and coordinating activities with infiltrated terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir.



**THE TARGET** was crucial as communication with the infiltrated terrorists in J-K with their masters

across the border could be dis-





### All targets neutralised: Wg Cdr

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All the targets were "neutralised with clinical efficiency," Wing Commander Singh added." **Wing Com**mander Vyomika Singh is an accomplished heli-copter pilot. She was commissioned into the IAF in 2004 and has flown both Chetak and Cheetah helicopters. Promoted to the rank of Wing Commander in 2017, she has been a trailblazer for women in

the IAF, having operated in high-altitude sectors of Jammu and Kashmir as well as remote areas in the Northeast. She is married to an IAF pilot. In 2020, she led a rescue operation in Arunachal Pradesh, flying in extreme conditions to evacuate civil-

Col Qureshi was born in Vadodara in 1974. She is a multi-generation Army officer commissioned in 1990. She is married to an

Army officer. She was selected as a military observer for the UN mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo in 2006 and has been involved in flood relief operations in the Northeast. She also became the first woman officer to lead an Indian Army contingent at the multinational field training exercise Force 18, hostby India to promote interoperability and peace among ASEAN nations.

### **INDIA BLOCKS ALL PRO-PAK SM HANDLES**

SHASHI BHUSHAN | DC NEW DELHI, MAY 7

India on Wednesday said Pakistan has unleashed a full-blown disinformation offensive against its decisive strike under "Operation Sindoor" in a desperate attempt to shift focus and control the narrative with a barrage of lies and digital theatrics. To counter the Pakistani propaganda, the Centre has blocked social media accounts spreading fake news about Operation Sindoor and has debunked their claims with throughout the day.

"What started as a focused and effective military operation by the Indian Armed Forces has now spiralled into a chaotic online propaganda war. Pro-Pakistan social media handles and even influ-ential political figures are deliberately spreading fake news, fabricatlous military victories and heroic retaliation,' an official said.

### 10 of Masood Azhar family killed in blast Lahore, May 7: Jaish-e-Mohammad chief Mau-

Masood acknowledged on Wednesday that 10 members of his family and four close associates were killed in India's missile attack on the outfit's headquarters in Bahawalpur.

A statement attributed to Azhar said those killed in the attack on Jamia Masjid Subhan Allah in Bahawalpur included the JeM chief's elder sister her husband, a nephew and his wife, another niece, and five children from his extended family.

The statement further mentioned that the attack also claimed the lives of



one of Azhar's close associates and his mother, along with two other close companions.

This act of brutality has broken all boundaries. There should be no expectation of mercy now," it added. Bahawalpur became the

hub of the JeM after the release of Azhar in exchange for the hijacked passengers of IC-814 in



Pakistan army soldiers attend the funeral of the victims of a suspected Indian missile strike incident, in Muridke, in Punjab province on Wednesday.

### Gul, mastermind behind Pahalgam

New Delhi, May 7: Sheikh Sajjad Gul, a 50-year-old Kashmiri and head of Lashkar-e-Taiba The Resistance Front (TRF), has emerged as the mastermind of the Pahalgam terror attack, which claimed the lives of 26 people on April 22, officials

said Wednesday.

Holed up in the Cantonment town of Rawalpindi, Pakistan, under the patronage of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), Gul, who also goes by the alias of Sajjad Ahmed Sheikh, has been a planner of a number of terror attacks, including



Sheikh Sajjad Gul

targeted killings between 2020 and 2024 in Central and South Kashmir, grenade attacks in Central Kashmir in 2023, ambush of J&K police personnel in Bijbehra in Anantnag, Gagangir, Z-Morh Tunnel attack in Ganderbal. The NIA had designated him a terrorist in April 2022 and kept a reward of

The official said that during the investigation into the deadly April 22 Pahalgam attack, links and some communica-tions have been traced back to Gul. The TRF had claimed responsibility for the attack.

₹10 lakh on his head.

Used by Pakistan's external snooping agency ISI as a Kashmiri face of the local Punjabi-dominated

Lashkar-e-Taiba, Sheikh was educated in Srinagar and did his MBA from Bangalore, later pivoting to a lab technician course in Kerala. He returned to the Valley, where he opened a diagnostic lab and started providing logistical support to the

terror group. During his work as an overground worker (OGW) of the terror group, Gul was caught by the Special Cell of the Delhi police in 2002 from Nizamuddin Railway Station with 5 kilograms

### **KASAB'S TERROR CAMP ALSO RAZED**

New Delhi, May 7: The nine targets struck under 'Operation Sindoor', four in Pakistan and five in Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir, were chosen by the IAF after receiving intelligence inputs about terror camps operating under the guise of health centres to evade detection at these sites, officials

said on Wednesday.

Those targeted in the missile strikes launched by India in the aftermath

tourists at Pahalgam included the headquarters of globally banned terror groups Jaish-e-Mohammed and Lashkar--Taiba, besides Hizbul Mujahideen.

The targeted sites also included Lashkar-e-Taiba training camps linked to the 26/11 Mumbai attacks (including Ajmal Kasab's training) and the group's Muridke (Pakistan's Punjab) headquarters, visited by David Headley

### CRUCIAL | EVIDENCE | Agency believes tourists, others may have advertently or inadvertently got relevant details

### NIA asks people to share info on Pahalgam attack

AMRESH SRIVASTAVA | DC

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has appealed to all tourists, visitors, and local residents who might have any further information, photographs, or videos relating to the Pahalgam terror attack on tourists to imme-

diately contact the agency. The agency has already taken possession of a sizable number of photographs and videos showing various aspects of the attack and is examining

It has now decided to intensify its efforts to ensure that no useful information or evidence is overlooked in its investigation into the horrendous crime against humanity, officials in the probe agency said.

In an appeal issued on Wednesday via its official website and social media handles, the NIA urged all

such individuals to contact the agency on mobile number 9654958816 and/or landline number 011-24368800, and to provide their personal details along with the nature of the information or inputs they wish to share. A senior NIA official will then connect with the caller and arrange for the relevant information, photographs, or videos to be shared with the agency, the agency said in a state-

The NIA, which is officially investigating the attack, is keen to examine all such information, photographs, and videos in detail to search for any possible clues about the assailants and

modus operandi. Tourists and others may have, advertently or inadvertently, seen, heard, or captured some relevant detail that could help the NIA unravel the conspirabehind the unprece-

dented targeted attack on

tourists in Kashmir. Several photographs and videos have been found circulating on various social media platforms after the terrorist attack that killed 26 tourists and left several others injured on April 22 this year. The anti-terror agency plans to

thoroughly examine all of these, along with any other information that may be in the posthe area on or

before the fateful day. NIA teams have been camping in Pahalgam to examine the attack site for evidence and have also been questioning witnesses of the horrendous crime.

A security personnel keeps vigil during a search operation at Pampore in Pulwama district, J&K, on Wednesday after Operation

















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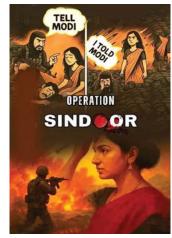






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### NATION ROARS FOR SINDOOR

Grief turns resolve
 Justice through strikes
 Victims' families reassured



People burst firecrackers and wave the tricolour as they hail Operation Sindoor, in Prayagraj, on Wednesday. Indian armed forces carried out missile strikes on terror targets in Pakistan and PoK under Operation Sindoor, in retaliation for

### Pahalgam attack victims share relief over midnight attack

**BHASKAR HARI SHARMA** 

A sense of satisfaction and was collectively the Pahalgam terror attack victims after the Indian armed forces carried out missile strikes under Operation Sindoor on nine terror targets in Pakistan Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir. The targets included the Jaish-e-Mohammad stronghold in Bahawalpur and Lashkar-e-Taiba's base in Muridke, among other terror loca-

"Terrorists will think a hundred times before acting again," said Rajesh Narwal, father of Lt Vinay Narwal, praising India's strikes on the terror targets terrorists shot him at point-blank range. Family mem-



Women across India celebrate surgical strike, honouring

response.
"I had said that such a thing (retaliatory strikes) must be done so that no one dares to commit such a cowardly act again... The

Married just three weeks ago, Vinay Narwal (26), accompanied by his wife Himanshi, was on honeymoon in Pahalgam when

bers of Indian Air Force Corporal Tage Hailyang, who was among those killed in the Pahalgam terror attack, also hailed Operation Sindoor, saying it is time the government dismantled all terror networks so that no other family suffers as they have. Charo Kamhua Tage, the grieving wife of Corporal Hailyang, expressed both sorrow and resolve as she called upon the Indian gov-ernment to intensify its crackdown on terrorism.

'We have lost a beloved son of the soil. My husband could have fled the scene. But being a soldier, he died while helping others escape," she said, expressing full support for Operation

# Operation Sindoor: Strike for justice, but pain remains

GOUTAMI SENGUPTA | DC HYDERABAD, MAY 7

Since morning, many families across the country have been watching the news closely. The Indian Army has launched airstrikes on terrorist camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. This mission, called Operation Sindoor, is seen as a response to the deadly terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, where 26 people were killed.

Bengal's Patharghata village in Nadia district, the family of Martyr Jhantu Ali Sheikh is grieving but also feeling

Jhantu was a brave soldier of the 6 Para Special Forces. He was killed in an encounter in Udhampur, shortly after the Pahalgam attack. His wife, Shahnaz, watched the news with tears in her eyes. Every time she saw an explosion on TV, she wiped her tears





File picture of Shahnaz, wife of

and said, "Finally, there has been a reply." Her 12-yearold son, who had carried his father's coffin, smiled slightly while watching the strikes. Jhantu's father, Sabur Sheikh, said, "Now my son can rest in peace."

Subedar Rafiqul Sheikh, also serves in the Indian Army. He proudly said, "My brother was part of this

thanked the Army and the government for ack-nowledging the pain of the

Jhantu's elder brother,

This victory is his." He

people. But not everyone feels peace. Shabari, the wife of victim Sameer Guha, is still in shock. Sameer had gone on a trip to Kashmir with his wife and daughter when he was shot dead by terrorists. Now, Shabari is burdened with responsibilities - her daughter is in Class 12, and there is a home loan to repay. Sameer was the only earning member of the family. "Justice is not complete yet. The terrorists."

must be fully eliminated,'

she said.

### **RIGHT DECISION. SAYS PAHALGAM VICTIM'S MOTHER**

M.B. GIRISH BENGALURU, MAY 7

Operation Sindhoor received strong support from both the family of Manjunath Rao, a victim of the Pahalgam terror attack, and top political leaders in Karnataka on Wednesday.

Manjunath Rao, a busi-

nessman from Shivamogga, was one of 26 tourists killed in a terrorist attack at Baisaran Valley, Pahalgam, in Jammu and Kashmir on April 22. He was shot dead in front of his wife Pallavi and son Abhijith, who were spared by the atta-The family trip ckers. tragically ended in sorrow. Sumathi, Manjunath's mother, described Modi's decision to carry out Operation Sindhoor as "appropriate" and "ti-mely," . "Modi's decision to strike terrorist dens was well thought out and came at the right time,"

### **RECORD OF** SURGICAL STRIKES



### **Meghdoot Operation:** 13 April 1984

India launched Operation Meghdoot and successfully occupied the Siachen Glacier, securing strategic high

#### **Chamb Raid:** 22 January 2000

Indian soldiers attacked a Pakistan Army post from three directions in the Iftikharabad b-sector (Chamb area). Seven Pakistani soldiers were captured and killed. The raid was



seen as retaliation for the loss of Lt. Saurabh Kalia and four soldiers of 4 Jat during the Kargil War.



#### **Akbar Raid:** August 2000

Following the Kargil War, Indian troops raided a Pakistani post. Fourteen Pakistani soldiers, including an officer who was the son of a senior Pakistani commander, were killed.

#### **Bhimber Attack:** 18 September 2003

An Indian attack on a Pakistani post near Bhimber Gali in Poonch killed a JCO and three Pakistani soldiers. One was allegedly decapitated. Pakistan complained to the UNMOGIP.





#### **Bhattal Strike** 29 August 2011

Indian para commandos conducted a covert cross-border strike on a Pakistani post in the Bhattal sector of Poonch.

#### **Surgical Strikes:** 28 September 2016

India carried out surgical strikes across the Line of Control targeting militant launch pads in Pakistan-occu-pied Kashmir. Casualty estimates ranged from 35 to 50.



# non-military action.

#### **Balakot Strike: 26 February 2019**

The Indian Air Force conducted an airstrike on a Jaish-e-Mohammed facility in Balakot, Pakistan, in response to the Pulwama terror attack. India described it as a preemptive,

### **INDO-PAK ARMED CONFLICTS (1947-1999)**



#### First Indo-Pak War Conflict erupted in October 1947 over Jammu and Kashmir after Pakistan-backed tribal militias invaded the princely state. Following its accession to India, Indian troops intervened. A UN-

mediated ceasefire in January 1949 established the Line of Control (LoC), dividing Kashmir.

### **1965: Second**

Indo-Pak War In August 1965, Pakistan launched 'Operation Gibraltar' to infiltrate Jammu and Kashmir. India responded with a full-scale offensive. The war ended in September with a ceasefire brokered by the USSR and the US.





### 1971: Bangladesh Liberation War India joined the war in December

1971 after Pakistan's military crackdown in East Pakistan. The conflict ended with Pakistan's surrender and the creation of

Bangladesh on December 16.

1999: Kargil War Pakistani troops and militants occupied key heights in the Kargil sector. India launched 'Operation Vijay' to recapture the territory. The conflict ended in July with India



### We found some peace, says victim's daughter mother and I watched the

GILVESTER ASSARY I DC THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,

Arathi R. Menon, daughter of N. Ramachandran, one of the 26 victims of the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, said her family is proud of Indian forces who decimated terrorist camps in Pakistan as part

of Operation Sindoor.

Arathi said the response of Indian forces had given comreporters in Kochi;We woke up to this news today. Like every Indian, we were also waiting to see when and how this would happen. It brings comfort to me and my entire family. While our loss cannot be compensated, we are



Kerala health minister Veena George with Pahalgam victim N. Ramachandran Nair's wife Sheela and daughter Arathi, at their residence in Kochi the other day.

happy and proud that this Ramachandran, 65, a native

of Edappally in Kochi, was shot in front of Arathi and her two children in Pahalgam

mantled nine terrorist camps. These terrorists brutally killed unarmed innocent people, in front of their wives, parents, children and grandchildren. It was a cow-Aarthi said: I am incredily

"India has done it. We suc-

cessfully targeted and dis-

proud of Indian forces, our values and our principles. We are not targeting innocent people. Instead, we are taking lown those who commit such brutal crimes against humanity. Once again, our actions reinforce and communicate our values and principles. The world has witnessed this, and we as proud Indians stand united today."

served. We were waiting and our forces were also waiting for the right moment. My mother and our family have found some comfort in what has happened,"she said. "We will support all actions taken by our country and our forces in pursuing the perpetrators of the Pahalgam terror attack. This is the right response as it sends a clear message that anyone who tries to attack us will face a suitable response." On the Kashmiri youth Musafir and Sameer who stood by their family on the day of the brutal attack, Arathi stated;All Kashmiris are Indians. Like all of us.

news together and we both

feel that justice is being





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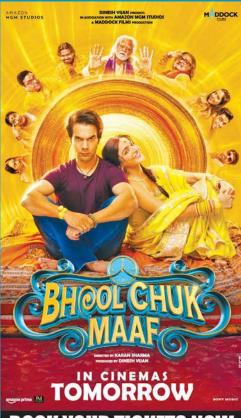
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**Indian to walk** 

on moon by '40

Modi unveils bold space roadmap

DC CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said that

India was marching ahead with renewed confidence in

the field of space exploration and declared that an Indian astronaut would leave his footprints on the Moon by

Addressing the Global Con-

ference on Space Exploration

(GLEX) 2025 via videoconfer-

encing, the Prime Minister

stressed that Mars and Venus

were also on the country's

radar for exploration mis-

sions. For India, Modi said

space was about exploration

as well as empowerment, and

listed out plans to set up the

Bharatiya Antariksh Station

by 2035 and land an Indian

astronaut on the Moon by

"India's space journey is not

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NEW DELHI, MAY 7

### **PERMANENT POLICE CAMP IN BETBONA**

PRANMOY BRAHMACHARY | DC BERHAMPORE MAY 7

A permanent police camp was set up at the troubled Betbona village in Samserganj police station area after riot-hit people from Dhuliyan and Samserganj met West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Minister Mamata Banerjee at Samserganj BDO office. According to police

sources, 27 police personnel led by camp in-charge Mithun Haldar started functioning at Betbona village to regain faith among the panicked riot-hit people of Betbona, Zafrabad, Jigri, among others.

### **CBI DIRECTOR GETS EXTENSION**

DC CORRESPONDENT **NEW DELHI, MAY 7** 

Narendra Modi

er. Together, we share a com-

mon goal to explore space for

the good of humanity," he

said, adding that India has

launched a satellite for the South Asian nations and the G20 satellite, announced dur-

ing its presidency of the

grouping, will be a gift to the Global South."Our first

human space-flight mission,

'Gaganyaan', highlights our nation's rising aspirations," the Prime Minister said

referring to the mission

planned for early 2027 launch.

ISRO-NASA Mission to the

International Space Station in the coming weeks.

The Central government on Wednesday extended the tenure of CBI director

Praveen Sood by one

year. Based on the

recommendations of the selection commi ttee, The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved Sood's extension for a period of one year beyond May 24, govt said.

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**PAK TROOPS** 

IN BHIMBER,

**SAYS ARMY** 

FROM PAGE 1

**FIRED ARTILLERY** 

The pounding with 122

mm artillery guns and other variants left a trail of destruction with sev-

eral houses reduced to

rubble from Poonch to

Uri sector in Baramulla

district to Karnah-Keran

in neighbouring Kupwara. It also prompted

hundreds of families liv-

ing near the de facto bor-

der to abandon their

homes and relocate to

safer places. Some defence installations also suf-

reports said.
The officials said soon

after the Indian armed forces carried out Opera-tion Sindoor, the Pakis-

tani Army and Rangers

resorted to arbitrary fir-

ing including artillery

shelling from posts across the LoC and IB opposite J&K.

The Indian Army said

that innocent civilians

lost their lives in "indiscriminate" firing and shelling" by the Pakistan

troops and that it is responding in "proportionate manner." The worst hit was Poonch

where all the 12, or 14,

deaths took place and scores of residential hou-

ses and other structures

were damaged in the

IT'S A SHAME we just heard about it

just as we were walking

something was going to

happen based on a little

- DONALD TRUMP,

U.S. President

in the doors of the Oval. I

Pakistani shelling.

guess people knew

bit of the past

damage,





"Let us congratulate the Indian armed forces and **Prime Minister** Narendra Modi for the strike. It was a precision

strike that destroyed nine terrorist camp sites. This time, the video footage of the

airstrike is available, leaving no scope for anyone to seek proof of it."

-DEVENDRA FADNAVIS, Maharashtra Chief Minister

"Terrorist hideouts targeted without harming civilians, showing strength of 56 inch chest."



India's retaliation against 'Atankistan' (a reference to Pakistan.). Shaurya Tejah

Śanyamasch, yatra Bharatsainikah. Vijayam teshu nityam syat, jayatu Bharat Mata (wherever there are Indian armed forces, there is valour, strength and discipline. May they always be triumphant — victory be to Mother India).

- PUSHKAR SINGH DHAMI, Uttarakhand Chief Minister



reaffirms that India will never tolerate terror in any form. Karnataka joins the nation in expressing unwavering solidarity with our forces.'

> -SIDDARAMAIAH, Karnataka Chief Minister

"Jai Hind! Jai India!"

- MAMATA BANERJEE, West Bengal



sure the malar take steps to eliminate the terror camps established behind Pakistan Army posi-

tions along the border." -A.K, ANTONY, Former defence minister

"India has an unflinching National Policy against all forms of terrorism emanating from



PoK. We are extremely proud of our Indian Armed Forces who have stuck terror camps in Pakistan and Pok."

> MALLIKARJUN KHARGE Congress president

"A set of calibrated, calculated, precise strikes against terror targets. Exactly what I



applaud the government and stand solidly with our armed

- SHASHI THAROOR, Congress MP

### THURSDAY | 8 MAY 2025 HYDERABAD | DECCAN CHRONICLE Indian embassy asks China's Doval speaks to US, official daily to verify reports

Pro-Pak handles spread baseless claims in the context of Op Sindoor

Beijing, May 7: The Indian Embassy here has cautioned China's staterun tabloid *Global Times* to verify messages before posting them on social media on Indian military strikes targeting Pakistan's terror infrastructure on Wednesday.

Dear @globaltimesnews we would recommend you verify your facts and cross-examine your sources before pushing out this kind of disinformation, the Indian Embassy said in a post on

Several pro-Pakistan handles are spreading baseless claims in the #OperationSindoor, attempting to mislead the public. When media outlets share such information without verifying sources, it reflects a serious lapse in responsibility and journalistic ethics, it said, questioning the daily's posts on Pakistan Air Force claims.

The Indian Embassy's post also pointed to a Press Information Bureau (PIB) fact-check post on X about pro-Pakistan handles showing an IAF jet crashed in India's Punjab in 2021.

Beware of old images shared by pro-Pakistan handles in the present context! An old image showing a crashed aircraft is being circulated with the claim that Pakistan recently shot down an Indian Rafale jet near Bahawalpur during the ongoing #OperationSindoor," the PIB post said. "This image is from an earlier incident involving an IAF MiG-21 fighter jet that crashed in Moga district in Punjab in 2021," it added.

Global Times had run reports using old images of crashed aircraft in the context of Operation Sindoor, as part of which India launched 24 precision missile strikes in nine locations that were identified as hubs of terrorist activity.

Since the Pahalgam terrorist attack, China, Pakistan's ironclad lly, while condemning it, has called for restraint, besides a fair and swift investiga-



President Droupadi Murmu with Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a meeting regarding Operation Sindoor, at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi on

### Political parties united in support of air strikes

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, MAY 7

political parties unequivocally supported India's air strikes against terror camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir under the Operation Sindoor.

The BJP on Wednesday hailed Operation Sindoor with a message "Dharmo Rakshati Rakshitah (dharma protects the one who protects dharma)" and as a decision taken by the Modi government against the Pahalgam terror attack.
Hailing India's action,
BJP leaders and support-

ers used the hashtag #DharmoRakshatiRaksit ah on social media to express their support for avenging the Pahalgam terror attack victims. The Sanskrit phrase is used by Yadhishthira in his conversation with Yaksha about dharma in the Mahabharata. The termed airstrikes as the beginning of justice for the Pahalgam victims under

Operation Sindoor. In his reaction posted on X, Union home minis-

"#OperationSindoor is Bharat's response to the brutal killing of Indians in Pahalgam. Proud of our armed forces. The Modi government is resolved to give a befitting response to any attack on India and its people. Bharat remains committed to eradicating terrorism from its roots."

Saluting the bravery and patriotism of the Indian Armed Forces, the Congress said they have given a "bold and decisive response" to the Pahalgam terrorist attack and declared that the party stands shoulder-to-shoulder with the brave soldiers of the country. The Congress Working Committee (CWC) also extended its 'full support" to the Indian forces and their precise strikes on terror hideouts.

Following the CWC meeting, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi addressed the media, saying, "We held discussions (on Operation Sindoor) in the Working Committee. Full support to our forces. Best wishes to the Congress and the Congress Working Committee." Briefing the media about the CWC meeting, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge reiterated the party's complete support for the Indian forces for giving a "befitting reply" to the terrorists

Before the meeting, Kharge said that the Congress has "unequivocally" stood in solidarity with the armed forces and the government since the Pahalgam terrorist attack. "From the day of the

terrorist attack in Pahalgam, the Indian National Congress has unequivocally stood in solidarity with the armed forces and the Government, and supported every decisive action against cross-border terrorism. India's national policy against all forms of terrorism emanating from Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (PoK) is very clear and unwavering, Kharge said.

The Congress has also halted all its pro-

## **UK counterparts**

conversations took place shortly after India carried out Operation Sindoor at nine sites. Doval spoke with US NSA and Secretary of State Marco Rubio, the UK's Jonathan Powell, Saudi Arabia's Musaid Al Aiban, the UAE's H.H. Sheikh Tahnoon, and Japan's Masataka Okano. "Contact was also established with Russian NSA Sergei Shoigu, Member of the Political

 NATIONAL SECURITY Adviser Ajit Doval spoke to his counterparts in the US, UK, Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Japan.

Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the PRC Wang Yi, and the Diplomatic Adviser to the French President, Emmanuel

Bonne," the official added.

Doval will remain in contact with his counterparts in

HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY hmda PUBLIC NOTICE PLANNING DEPARTMENT No. 001235/BP/HMDA/0352/MED/2025

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### Pak social media spins old images, fake claims

MAYANK TIWARI I DC HYDERABAD, MAY 7

After India struck multiple targets in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) under Operation Sindoor, Pakistan and its supporters launched a cyber disinformation cam-paign to obscure the operation's impact and fabricate narratives of

success.
The Press Information
Bureau (PIB) factchecked several such claims on Wednesday. Pro-Pakistan accounts and political figures shared outdated images misrepresented videos, falsely portray-ing Indian military loss-

The PIB urged users to verify content and rely on official sources, warning against the spread of unverified



An old image with false claims spreads on social media minutes after Operation Sindoor. -DC

Some viral posts claiming an aircraft shoot-down near Bahawalpur were debunked by the PIB, which confirmed the image was from a 2021 MiG-21 crash in Punjab. A widely shared video alleging a surrender at Chora Post was promoted by Pakistan Tarar without evidence. The clip was proven fab-

"This is not just misin-formation; it is a calculated, coordinated campaign designed to distort reality, mislead the public, and manipulate perceptions across the region," the Union ministry of information and broadcasting said.

Another video falsely claimed the Pakistan Air Force targeted an airbase. The footage was from sectarian clashes in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa earlier in 2024. Other recycled visuals included an image from a MiG-29 crash in Rajasthan and false reports of a destroyed brigade HQ.

In another viral post, debunked by PIB, it was claimed that India urged Italy and the Asian Development Bank to cut funds to Pakistan.

### **PEOPLE FLEE BORDER AREAS AFTER PAK FIRE**

YUSUF JAMEEL I DC SRINAGAR, MAY 7

As dread returns to Jammu and Kashmir border areas following Pakistan artillery fire that killed and injured scores of civilians, dozens of families have taken shelter in under-ground bunkers. Many more have fled to safer locations, living with either their relatives or friends now.

Amid the roar of a variety of howitzers and 81 mm and 120 mm mortars, the border-dwellers including women and children, were seen running out of their homes to evade death. Some of them reached by this newspaper through their mobile phones said that they witnessed artillery shells fired from across the LoC from across the LoC falling and exploding in civilian populations.

# RELEASING OMORR

### 27 airports closed, 250 flights cancelled

VINEETA PANDEY | DC NEW DELHI, MAY 7

Twenty-seven airports in northern, central, and western India have been temporarily closed for operations, and more than 250 flights have been cancelled in these sectors in the wake of the tense situation following India's airstrikes

against Pakistan.
The airports that have been shut to regular air traffic include Chandigarh, Srinagar, Amritsar, Ludhiana, Bhuntar, Kishangarh, Patiala, Shimla, Gaggal,



A security personnel speaks to passengers in a vehicle amid high alert at Jodhpur airport on Wednesday.

Bathinda, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Bikaner, Halwara, Pathankot, Leh, Jammu, Mun-Bhuj, Dharamshala, Gwalflights and are located in border regions.

According to Flightradar24, which tracks global air traffic, India witnessed 430 cancellations or three per cent of its scheduled flights, while Pakistan reported 147 cancellations, or 17 per cent of its scheduled flights.

A snapshot of airborne traffic over the conflict zone showed a clear airspace, with flights circling and crowding around safe

ior, and Hindon. Many of these are military airports of 08.50 UTC, only two flights that also handle civilian were visible over Pakistani airspace, both in the western region.

Many international airlines en route to northern India and Pakistan had to reroute mid-flight last night following the Indian

Domestic carriers such as Air India, IndiGo, SpiceJet, Akasa, and Air India Express also rerouted their late-night flights and later announced the suspension of operations at certain air-

### SHORT TAKES

### **FINNISH FIGHTER JET CRASHES, PILOT EJECTS**

Rovaniemi, Finland, May 7: A Finnish F/A-18 Hornet fighter jet crashed on Wednesday near the Rovaniemi airport in Finland's Arctic north, but the pilot was rescued after ejecting, the armed forces said.

No details were available about the cause of the crash, which occurred "in the Povonionia simple to the crash, which occurred by the crash, which occurred to the crash, which is the crash of the crash, which is the crash of the crash, which is the crash of Rovaniemi airport area" around 11.00 a.m. (0800 GMT), the military said.

Dark smoke could be seen rising from the scene and several emergency vehicles were dispatched to the area, public serv-

### RECLAIMING **HARBOUR: HK LOOSENS RULES**

Hong Kong, May 7: Hong Kong passed a law on Wednesday that made it easier for the government to create new land through reclamation in the city's famed Victoria Harbour despite objections from environmental activists.

Land reclamation was central to the Chinese city's economic growth for decades but shifting public opinion since the 1990s led to stringent legal rules that required projects to establish an "overriding public need".

Officials called those rules "restrictive" and proposed a bill last year to fast-track smaller projects.

### **DRONE STRIKE** TARGETS NAVY **BASE IN SUDAN**

Port Sudan, May 7: A drone strike targeted Sudan's biggest naval base on Wednesday, an Army source told AFP, marking the fourth straight day the seat of the Army-backed government has come under attack.

They (the drones) were met with anti-aircraft missiles,' the source said on condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to speak to the

An AFP correspondent reported that a series of explosions and then a cloud of smoke coming from the direction of the Flamingo Base, just

### TRAFFICKING OF **PEOPLE: HUNGARY TAKEN TO COURT**

Brussels, May 7: The European Commission on Wednesd said it will take Hungary to the EU's top court for breaching rules on combatting peopletrafficking, in the latest showdown between Brussels and the Hungarian government.

Brussels launched legal action in 2023 after Budapest decided to release and expel several thousand jailed migrant traffickers on the grounds holding them in Hungarian prisons was a burden to the taxpayer.

An April 2023 decree by Prime Minister Viktor Orban's government enabled the smugglers' release.

### PROTECTED ANTS: **KENYA COURT FINES 4 PEOPLE**

Nairobi, May 7: A Kenyan court on Wednesday fined four people, including two Belgian teenagers, more than \$7,000 for attempting to smuggle thousands of live ants out of the country.

The case has received considerable attention after the Kenyan Wildlife Service (KWS) accused the four of engaging in 'bio-piracy'

David Lornoy and Seppe Lodewijckx, both 18 of Belgium, Duh Hung Nguyen of Vietnam and Dennis Nganga of Kenva all pleaded guilty to possession of the ants, but denied seeking to traffic them.

### **6 KILLED IN ATTACK IN NIGERIAN STATE**

Jos, Nigeria, May 7: Gunmen killed six people in an attack on a village in a central Nigerian region that has seen a rise in religious tensions, authorities said on Tuesday.

Several people were also wounded in the attack in Marit in the Barkin district of Plateau state, a spokesperson for the local government said

while speaking to reporters.
"We were sleeping in the night, we heard gunshots. We don't know what we did to these people. They don't want to leave us in peace," said one villager, David Davou.

### **Strikes on Gaza school housing** displaced, market claim 38 lives

Trump: Only 21 hostages believed to be alive; Hamas commander killed

Cairo, Gaza, Washington, Sidon May 7: Israeli strikes on a school housing displaced families and by a crowded market and restaurant in Gaza City killed at least 38 people on Wednesday, local health authorities said.

Medics said two strikes targeted the Karama School in Tuffah, a suburb of Gaza City, killing 15. Later in the day, an Israeli strike near a restaurant and market in the city killed at least 23 people, including women and children, medics said.

Reuters footage showed wounded men being rushed away on the back of pickups and carts. Ambulances sped down shattered streets and a woman in tears carried a baby away from the scene, with two young children beside her.

An image posted on social media showed what appeared to be a family of three — mother, father and son — lying dead on the street in pools of blood. The young boy was carrying a pink backpack. Reuters could not immediately verify the image that was purportedly from the scene of the Tuffah strike.

There was no immediate Israeli comment. Two Israeli airstrikes on

another school, housing displaced people in Bureij camp in central Gaza, killed at least 33 people, including women and children, on Tuesday, local health authorities said. The Israeli military said it struck "terrorists" operating from a command center in the compound. The strike smashed

classrooms, destroyed fur-niture and left a large crater in the school campus. On Wednesday, survivors sifted through rubble to look for some of their belongings.

"What happened is an earthquake. The Israeli occupation hit a school housing children. They are children," said eyewitness Ali Al-Shagra



Palestinians collect belongings from a school used as a shelter by displaced residents that was hit twice by Israel, in Gaza Strip's Bureij, on Wednesday.

He said the school

housed 300 families. President Donald Trump said on Tuesday that three hostages held by Hamas in Gaza have died, leaving only 21 believed to be still living. "As of today, it's 21, three have died," Trump said of the hostages being held by Hamas, noting until recently it had been 24 people believed to be living. He did not elaborate on the identities of those now believed to be dead, nor how he had come to learn of their deaths. There's 21, plus a lot of

dead bodies," Trump said. Hamas said one of its commanders was killed in an Israeli strike on the south Lebanon city of Sidon on Wednesday, the latest attack despite a ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah. Lebanon's state-run National News Agency said the dawn strike killed one person.

Hamas named him as Khaled Ahmed al-Ahmed and said he was on his way to pray. "As we mourn our heroic martyr, we pledge to God Almighty, and then to our people and our nation, to continue on the path of resistance," the group said. — Agencies

### Second US warplane falls off aircraft carrier

Washington, May 7: A deck multi-million-dollar US injure warplane failed to land on the Harry S. Truman aircraft carrier and plummeted into the Red Sea on Tuesday, the US military said, the second jet lost from the ship in just over a week. The two-seat F/A-18F Super Hornet fighter iet, worth around \$67 million, went overboard after an unsuccessful attempt to slow it down as it landed, the US Central

Command said. A defence official told *AFP* the hook of the aircraft failed to catch the arresting wire on the aircraft carrier.

"The arrestment failed, causing the aircraft to go overboard," the official said, adding "both aviators safely ejected and were rescued by the search and rescue helicon. search and rescue helicop-

ter."
"The aviators were evaluated by medical personnel and assessed to have minor injuries. No flight

deck personnel were injured." It is the second F/A-18 operating off the Truman to be lost in just over a week.

Another jet fell off the same carrier on April 28 in an accident that injured dragged a tractor that was towing the fighter plane into the sea.

And late last year, a F/A-18 operating off the *Truman* was lost after it was mistakenly shot down by the *USS Gettysburg* guided missile cruiser. Both pilots survived that inci-

The Truman is one of two US aircraft carriers operating in the Middle East, where US forces have been hammering Yemen's Huthi rebels with strikes since mid-March in an attempt to end the threat they pose to ships in the region. Mediator Oman said Tuesday the United States and the Houthis had agreed to a

### **HOUTHIS TO HIT ISRAELI SHIPS DESPITE US DEAL**

Sanaa, May 7: Yemen's Houthi rebels will continue targeting Israeli ships in the Red Sea, an official told *AFP* on Wednesday, despite a ceasefire that ended weeks of intense US strikes on the Iran-backed

A day after the Houthis agreed to stop firing on ships plying the key trade route off their shores, a senior official told *AFP* that Israel was excluded from the deal.

'The waterways are safe for all international ships except Israeli ones," Abdulmalik Alejri, a member of the Houthi political bureau, said. — AFP

### **6 NATIONS OF EUROPE AGAINST TERRITORY SHIFT**

Madrid, May 7: Six European countries said on Wednesday that they 'firmly reject any demo graphic or territorial change in Gaza" after Israel announced plans to expand its military offensive in the Palestinian territory.

Israel's plan "would mark a new and dangerous escalation" in the war, the foreign ministers of Spain, Iceland, Ireland Luxembourg, Norway and Slovenia said in a joint statement. Israel has called up tens of thousands of reservists for the planned offensive, which comes after resumed Israeli attacks against militant group Hamas in March

ended a two-month truce.
An Israeli military official has said the offensive would include the "conquest" of Gaza, holding territory and moving the strip's population south "for



Russian Sukhoi SU-25 fighter jets release smoke in the colours of the Russian tricolour flag as they fly above central Moscow during the general rehearsal of the Victory Day military parade on Wednesday.

### Drones strike; Xi reaches Moscow

Moscow, May 7: Russia and Ukraine continued air strikes against each other's capitals overnight, including an attack that killed two people in Kyiv, as Moscow prepared to host the leaders of China, Brazil and other states to commemorate the end of World War II.

Chinese President Xi Jinping landed in Moscow on Wednesday for a key three-day visit including a grand Victory Day parade and a show of support for Vladimir Putin. Moscow and Beijing declared a "no limits part-

nership" weeks before Putin ordered Russia's Ukraine offensive in February 2022. The expanded military and trade ties since troubled the West. Russia launched four ballistic missiles and 142

drones targeting Kyiv and other regional centres, Ukrainian President Zelenskyy Volodymyr said on Wednesday in a post on X. Two people were killed in the capital and seven injured, including children, he said. The strikes also target-

ed other regions of Ukraine, including Dnipro, Kherson and Zaporizh-zhia. — Bloomberg

### **KREMLIN TAKING 'STEPS' TO GUARD MAY 9 PARADE**

Moscow, May 7: The Kremlin was forced on Wednesday to say it was taking "all necessary measures" to ensure the safety of foreign leaders set to attend its flagship May parade after a wave of Ukrainian drone attacks closed airports across the country, disrupting hun-

dreds of flights Moscow and Kyiv traded a barrage of drone attacks ahead of the parade - which has become a key event during Vladimir Putin's 25 years in power — as US talks pushing for an end to the conflict appeared to have stalled. Moscow will hold the Victory Day event on Red Square to mark 80 years of the defeat of Nazi Germany.

'Our military and special services are taking all necessary measures to ensure that the celebration takes place in a calm, stable and peaceful atmosphere," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov

### Buddha jewels' auction put off

**Hong Kong, May 7:** Sotheby's on Wednesday postponed an auction of jewels associated with Buddhas remains after the Indian government opposed the sale and demanded it be halted.

The gems for auction were tound buried togeth er in reliquaries with the corporeal relics of the historical Buddha and discovered in northern India in 1898, the auction house said. They dated back to around 240-200 BC, it said.

But India's ministry of culture said in a Face-book post on Tuesday it had issued a legal notice to Sotheby's Hong Kong to demand the immediate halt of the sale, accusing the auction of violating Indian laws, international norms and UN conven-

In its letter to Sotheby's Hong Kong dated Monday, posted on Facebook, it said the auction involves sacred Buddhist relics that constitute the inalienable religious and cultural heritage of India and the global Buddhist community. It demanded the repatriation of the relics to the Indian government and a public apology from the auction house and Chris Pepp. Pepp is a great-grandson of British William Pepp, who excavated the relics.

The Indian government warned in the letter that failure to comply would



This undated photo released by Sotheby's, shows the Pirprahwa Gems of the Historical Buddha.

result in legal actions and public advocacy campaigns highlighting the auction house's role in perpetuating colonial injustice and becoming a party to unethical sale of religious relics.

Sotheby's announced the postponement in a statement on Wednesday, acknowledging the matters raised by the Indian government and saying it was done with the agreement of the consignors.

This will allow for discussions between the parties, and we look forward to sharing any updates as appropriate, it said.

Some of Sotheby's webpages about the auction were no longer available on Wednesday.

The Indian ministry of culture said on Facebook on Wednesday it was pleased to inform that the auction was postponed after its intervention. — AF

### **LANKAN PREZ PARTY CONTINUES** WINNING STREAK IN LOCAL POLLS

Police officers stand guard at an entrance of Todai-

mae Station on Tokyo Metro's Namboku Line after a

Tokyo Metro knife

attack: Man held

Tokyo, May 7: A man

was apprehended in Tok-

yo after an alleged knife

attack on the subway system on Wednesday that

injured several people,

Japanese media reported.

boku line was suspended

after the incident, accord-

ing to public broadcaster

NHK and other local

Police were not able to

immediately confirm the

incident when contacted

NHK said several people

had been injured, althou-

gh the severity of their

wounds was not immedi-

media outlets.

by AFP.

ately clear.

The Tokyo Metro's Nam-

stabbing incident in Tokyo, on Wednesday.

Colombo, May 7: The National People's Power led by President Anura Kumara Dissanayake on Wednesday emerged as the largest party in 265 out of 339 local municipal councils across Sri Lanka despite failing to win capital Colombo's body.

However, the National People's Power (NPP) party's ability to form administrations in those 265 bodies is in doubt as the combined opposition groups have more members than NPP in multiple councils, official results issued by the independent election commission has

shown. The election com-

mission data showed that the ruling NPP garnered over 4.5 million votes or 43 per cent of the votes, drastically down from the 68 per cent polled at the parliamentary election held in November last year. It also had a thumping win in the presidential polls prior to that.

ce, said officers were aler-

ted at around 7 pm (1000

GMT) that a knife-wield-

ing man had been seen at

Todai-mae Station in cen-

Violent crime is relativ-

ely rare in Japan, which

has a low murder rate and

some of the world's

toughest gun laws. But

there are occasional stab-

bings and even shootings,

including the assassina-

tion of former prime minister Shinzo Abe in 2022.

edly stabbed a passenger

and started a fire on a tra-

in in Tokyo on Halloween

A 24-year-old man alleg-

The main opposition Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) won just 14 of the 339 councils earning 21 per cent vote. More than 70 per cent of the registered voters exercised their franchise on Tuesday in the local council polls, which were postponed in

### **US-China ice-breaker** trade talks on Saturday Washington, Beijing,

May 7: US treasury secretary Scott Bessent and chief trade negotiator Jamieson Greer will meet China's economic tsar He Lifeng in Switzerland this weekend for talks that could be the first step in resolving a trade war disrupting the global economy. News of the planned Ge-

neva meeting, first announced by Washington late Tuesday, sent US equity index futures higher. Stock markets in China and Hong Kong followed suit during Asian trading.

The talks come after weeks of escalating tensions that have seen duties on goods imports between the world's two largest economies soar well beyond 100%, amounting to what Bessent described as the equivalent of a trade embargo. The impasse, alongside President Donald Trump's decision last month to slap sweeping duties on dozens of other countries, has upended supply chains, roiled financial markets and stoked fears of a sharp ı global — *Reuters* downturn in growth.



US President Donald Trump shakes hands with V-P J.D. Vance during a meeting with of the White House Task Force in the White House in Washington, D.C.

### TRUMP PLANS TO DECLARE U.S. WILL CALL PERSIAN GULF ARABIAN GULF

Washington, May 7: President Donald Trump plans to announce while on his trip to Saudi Arabia next week that the US will now refer to the Persian Gulf as the Arabian Gulf or the Gulf of Arabia, two US officials told *The Associated Press* on Tuesday.

Arab nations have pushed for a change to the geographic name of the body of water off the southern

coast of Iran, while Iran has maintained its historic ties to the gulf. The US officials spoke

on condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive matters. The White House and National Security Council didn't immediately respond to messages seeking comment. The Persian Gulf has

been widely known by that name since the 16th

### PAPACY I PROCESS No Pope has been elected on the first day of a conclave Cardinals begin task to elect new Pope

Vatican City, May 7: Redrobed cardinals assembled in the Vatican on Wednesday to pray, shortly before being locked in to elect a new pope to lead the world's 1.4 billion Catholics.

A total of 133 cardinal electors are taking part in the conclave, the highly secretive election to pick a successor to Pope Francis, who died last month after a 12-year papacy. After attending a final

mass in St Peter's Basilica

on Wednesday morning,

the prelates gathered in

the Vatican's Pauline Cha-

They then proceeded into the 15th-century Sistine Chapel — a few metres \_ for the conclave itself, where they will be locked in.

pel in silent prayer.

The cardinals hail from all corners of the globe, representing around 70 cothem did not know each other before they were summoned after Francis's death. There is no clear frontrunner to succeed the charismatic Argentine, with the cardinals representing a range of progres-



Chavez walks to the Vatican, on Wednesday, on the day cardinals sequester themselves at the Vatican for the start of a conclave to elect the 267th Roman pontiff, a successor to Pope Francis.

Cardinal Gregorio Rosa

sive and conservative traditions within the Church. But the challenges facing the 2,000-year-old institu-

At a time of geopolitical uncertainty, the new Pope faces diplomatic balancing acts, as well as Church infighting, the continued fall-out from the clerical child abuse scandal, and — in the West — increasingly empty pews.

rdinal Giovanni Battista Re, dean of the College of Cardinals who himself is too old to vote, offered his peers some final advice. 'We are here to invoke the help of the Holy Spirit, to implore his light and strength so that the Pope

At the mass earlier, Ca-

elected may be he whom the Church and humanity need at this difficult and complex turning point in history. This is also a strong call to maintain the unity of the Church... a unity that does not mean uniformity," he said.







**NIFTY-50 CLOSES 0.14%** 

or 34.80 pts up at

**BROADER MARKET** outperformes

after sharp fall in previous session

with BSE mid-cap index up 1.36%

24,414.4

# quick

INDICATOR	%	
Sensex	80,746.78	0.13
Nifty 50	24,414.40	0.14
S&P 500*	5,630.80	0.43
Dollar (₹)	84.82	0.45
Pound Sterling (₹)	113.10	0.59
Euro (₹)	96.33	0.86
Gold (10gm)* (₹)	97,246 <b>▼</b> 245	-0.25
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	61.93	-0.35
IN 10-Yr bond yield	6.337	-0.013
US 10-Yr T-bill yield*	4.328	0.01
* As of 8:30 PM IST		

### MRF reports 29% increase in net to ₹512 crore

Tyre maker MRF on Wednesday reported 29.28 per cent increase in consolidated net profit from continuing operations at ₹512.11 crore for March quarter FY25 against ₹396.11 crore same period in year-ago, riding on higher sales. Revenue from operations in the quarter under review stood at ₹7,074.82 crore as against ₹6,349.36 crore in the year-ago period, it added. Total expenses are at ₹6,526.87 crore in FY25, MRF said.



### PNB sees Q4 net proift rise 52% to ₹4,567 crore

State-owned Punjab National Bank (PNB) on Wednesday reported 52 per cent rise in net profit at ₹4,567 crore for March quarter FY25. It had earned a net profit of ₹3,010 crore in the year-ago period. During the quarter, the bank's total income increased to ₹36,705 crore from ₹32,361 crore a year arew to ₹31.989 crore from ₹28,113 crore in fourth quarter of previous financial year.

### Welspun Corp secures export order of ₹1,950 cr

Welspun Corp Ltd (WCL) has secured an export order worth ₹1,950 crore for supply of line pipes and bends. With these new orders, its current consolidated global order book stands at around ₹19,300 crore, the company said. WCL said that the receipt of a prestigious export order for the supply of coated longitudinal submerged arc welding (LSAW) line pipes and bends from India cumulatively valued at ₹1,950 crore.

### AWS set to offer marketplace in India this year

Amazon Web Services (AWS) on Wednesday said it is set to launch AWS Marketplace - a platform to discover and transact software solutions - later this year in India. The marketplace, where customers can discover software, data, and services from across thousands of AWS Partners, will enable transactions in Indian rupees. Customers will be able to pay using options like net banking, credit cards, and UPI.

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# concessions, says Trump

**HAZE PERSISTS** 

goods covered under

New York, May 7: Bitcoin rose for a second day as optimism over a

potential de-escalation in

the US-China tariff stand-

off bolstered demand for

riskier assets.

The largest digital asset rose as much

as 3.2 per cent to

top \$97,714 before

paring gains. Ether climbed 4.2

per cent.
The rally followed news

that US treasury secre-

tary Scott Bessent and

trade representative Jamieson Greer will meet

with the Chinese government this week in

Trump said he was tired

of questions about when deals would be struck.

the North American

**TRUMP APPLIED** tariffs of 10%

and 25% to Canada in March,

while excluding certain

trade pact.

Washington, May 7: US President Donald Trump said he would prescribe tariff levels and trade concessions for partners looking to avoid higher duties, appearing to move away from the idea that he would engage in back-andforth negotiations.

We're going to put very fair numbers down, and we're going to say, here's — what this country, what we want. And congratulations, we have a deal. And they'll either say 'great,' and they'll start shopping, or they'll say, 'not good,'" Trump said Tuesday at the White House as he met with Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney. "It'll be a low number.

We're not looking to hurt countries," he added. The meeting comes just a week after the Canadian Liberal Party won an election in which Carney vowed to strengthen his country's economic independence and protect its sovereignty from the US President, who has openly mused about making

Canada the 51st state. With Carney, Trump indicated that he would strike a friendlier rela-tionship than the one he had with former PM Justin Trudeau.

"There's no reason for us to be subsidising Canada," Trump said.

Trump's comments come as US trading partners rush to negotiate with the administration to avoid higher levies. The President had earlier said the first deals could come as soon as this week. But his latest comments indicate he could continue to change his approach, which could further roil financial markets that struggled uncertainty surrounding his trade policy.

**HUDCO REPORTS** 

PROFIT TO ₹727 CR

FC BANKING BUREAU

and

(HUDCO) is targeting to

have zero bad loans in the

next 18 months as there

have been no new slip-

pages in FY25 and it is

actively resolving the cases of legacy stressed

assets through the bank-

ruptcy courts and one-

HUDCO posted a 4 per

cent increase in its March

quarter consolidated net

profit to ₹727.74 crore. Its

total income rose to ₹2,854.91 crore in March

quarter of FY25 from

₹2,194.04 crore in year-ago

period. It's net profit incr-

eased to ₹2.709.14 crore in

FY25 from ₹2,116.69 crore

Its loan disbursements

rose 123 per cent to ₹40,038 crore in FY25 from ₹17,987 cr in FY24. "This

year we are targeting to

disburse ₹50,000 crore,

said Sanjay Kulshrestha, chairman, HUDCO.

in the preceding year.

time settlements.

MUMBAI, MAY 7

Development

Housing



Trump insisted there are merits to Canada joining the US. Carney, after the meeting, told reporters he price that people are going asked Trump to stop callto have to pay to shop in the United States." ing Canada the 51st state.

### Meta purges 23K FB pages in March

MADHUSUDAN SAHOO NEW DELHI, MAY 7

Social media giant Meta on weanesday said that it removed clusters of scam activity totalling over 23,000 Facebook pages and accounts in March, that primarily targeted people in Brazil and India.

It said scammers used deepfakes, among other techniques, falsely depicting popular personal finance content creators, cricket players and business figures in Brazil and India, endorsing scam investment apps and gam-

bling websites. The scammers redirected people to messaging 'investment

advice' and to a fake website that mimicked the Google Play store to download scam gambling apps. Meta said that payment scams also often exploit the speed and anonymity

in the online world. Acase in point is an advance payment scams, where scammers pose as sellers on platforms like Facebook Marketplace and ask for payment before delivery and then disappear.

Meta also warned about fraudsters overpaying for an item and request a partial refund.

They later reverse the original payment and walk away with both sums, it said.

### Will prescribe tariff levels, Sentiment turns positive on India's strikes on Pak

Markets in past have consistently rebound in long term

between tactical

**LOW VOLATILITY** 

**MARKET CLOSES** 

**SENSEX GAINING** 

80,746.78

IN GREEN WITH

105.71 PTS

OR 0.13% AT

**RAVI RANJAN PRASAD** 

PM Mark Carney,

Trump indicated

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relationship than

the one he had

with former PM

TRUMP SAID he had already

gotten some nations to agree to

Switzerland, raising hopes that the world's two

largest economies can

reach an agreement that

Digital-asset brokerage

trade talks over the weekend will be posi-tive," said Sean McNulty,

derivatives trading lead of

Digital-asset investors

will also have an eye on US Federal Reserve's

Bloomberg

APAC at the company.

FalconX has seen "renewed interest

for Bitcoin topside'

with the market

"appearing opti-mistic that the

may ease trade tensions.

concessions, saying India had

agreed to roll back tariffs on

American goods.

Bitcoin rallies 3.2% to

\$97,914 on optimism

that he would

The Indian market saw low key volatile moves after an early morning knee jerk reaction to India launching airstrikes on Pakistan's terror camps. Sentiments improved as market participants digested the message sent through air strikes as the day progressed and no furescalations were

Market closed in the green with Sensex gaining 105.71 points or 0.13 per cent at 80,746.78 while Nifty-50 closed 0.14 per cent or 34.80 points up at 24.414.40.

Earlier, in the pre-opening session 9.00 to 9.15 am Sensex and Nifty-50 indicated 692 points and 146.3 points lower from previous close at 79,948 and 24233.30 respectively as buy sell orders were getting matched at respective stock exchanges. But the opening gaps narrowed after early morning jitters when trading started. "Historically,

episodes trigger market volatility and short-term dips - Kargil War (-4 per cent), Parliament Attack (-3 per cent), Mumbai Attacks (-4 per cent), and Balakot Airstrike (-3 per cent). However, markets have consistently rebounded in the long term. After the Kargil War, the Sensex surged 63 per cent within a year. Post-Parliament Attack, it

SANGEETHA G.

India's commitment to

open up the \$600 billion

central government pro-curement market to UK

companies under the trade deal will adversely

affect Indian MSMEs.

However, Indian companies will not receive the

same access into the UK's

government procurement

India's government pro-

curement market is one of

the largest in the world—

estimated at nearly \$600

approximately 15 per cent

of GDP. This procurement

is made across infrastruc-

ture, healthcare, power,

education, transport, and

India had opted out of

the WTO's Government

Procurement Agreement,

preserving its right to

Under current policy, 25

favour domestic firms.

billion annually,

cent by year-end," said Pankaj Singh, founder and principal researcher, SmartWealth.ai. "Auto companies staged

**DEFENCE** 

mixed as

to tense

situation.

border

focus shifts

on them due

stocks were

sector

per cent as a direct beneficiary of FTA with UK as

BSE Auto index(1.53 per and banking stocks also

MSMEs may be hit due to

trade pact with UK: GTRI

per cent of government

contracts are reserved for

MSMEs to promote indus-

trial indigenization, sup

port job creation, and

empower small enterpris-

es that often depend on

public contracts for sur-

UK becomes the first for-

eign country to have

received access to India's

government procurement

market. UK companies can now compete for

40,000 tenders each year in

construction, healthcare,

energy, and transporta-

tion. These firms will also

gain free access to India's

e-procurement portal due

to trade pact, said Ajay

Srivastava, founder, GTRI.

vival and growth.

rose over 20 per cent the following year. Following the Mumbai Attacks, it gained 60 per cent within 12 months, and after Balakot, it climbed 15 per cent by year and "gaid".

a strong rally after the conclusion of the FTA with UK," said Devarsh Vakil, head - research, HDFC Securities. Tata Motors gained 5.18

cent) emerged as top sectoral gainer. Metals, energy, realty,

#### and BSE small-cap up 1.16%. WHILE THE military escala-**BOTH FIIS** and tion injects volatility, the domestic instiimpending FTA signals poli-cy stability and global integration. It is essential to differentiate tutions net buyers of equities worth ₹2,585.86 cr disruptions and structural shifts and ₹ 2,378.49 - ANIRUDH GARG, crore

respectively.

Rupee sheds 38 paise, steepest fall in 1-mth **FALAKNAAZ SYED** 

MUMBAI, MAY 7

partner & fund manager, Invasset PMS

Rupee came under pressure and closed weaker by 38 paise at 84.82 on Wednesday as Indian defence forces conducted targeted strikes at terror hide outs overnight. This was the rupee's steepest

decline in one month. The local unit initially opened at 84.63 and appreciated in early deals towards 84.47.

Importers, fearing ten-

NO CONCESSIONS ON

**SENSITIVE INDUSTRIAL** 

**GOODS TO BRITISH COS** 

New Delhi, May 7: India

will not give any duty con-

cessions to the British businesses on a number

goods like diamond, sil-

ver, smartphones, and

optical fibres under the

free trade agreement (FTA) with the UK, an

The official also said the

duty concession on imports of petrol and

diesel engine vehicles from the UK is limited to

The quota for imports of

concessional

British electric vehicles

rate of customs duty is limited only to "few" thousands, the official

pre-defined quota.

further added.

industrial

sensitive

official said.

imports. The local unit hit an intra-day low, falling nearly 50 paise at 84.94 level in afternoon. It recovered some losses by after state-owned banks on behalf of Reserve Bank of India sold dollars.

RBI's presence ensured that the rupee stayed in the zone of 84.45 to 84.95 during the day.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against six currencies, greenback's was trading higher by 0.23 per cent at 99.46.

**CABINET APPROVES COAL ALLOCATION** 

### **SCHEME FOR POWER MADHUSUDAN SAHOO**

NEW DELHI, MAY 7

The Union cabinet on Wednesday, approved the revised Scheme for harnessing and allocating koyala transparently in India (Shakti) policy for coal allocation to power sector, a move aimed at simplification of the linkage process. The scheme is expected to benefit all TPPs, railways, India, Singareni Collieries, end consumers and st-

ate governments as well. The coal ministry said the Cabinet committee on economic affairs has granted fresh coal linkages to thermal power plants (TPPs) of central sector or state sector or independent power producers (IPPs). With the introduction of revised Shakti policy, two win-- coal linkage to central gencos or states at notified price and coal linkage to all gencos at a premium above notified

price have been proposed. The ministry further said under the coal at notified price segment the existing mechanism for grant of coal linkage to central sector thermal power projects including joint ventures and their sub-

sidiaries will continue. Moreover, coal linkage

#### Private sector cos increase capex to 2.3% of GDP in FY25 SANGEETHA G. the proposed capex by the incurred by large private Most of the capex was cent. However, just 2.2 per

CHENNAI, MAY 7

Large private sector companies increased their capex in real terms to 2.3 per cent of GDP in FY25 after falling to a threeyear low of 1.6 per cent in

With the increase in consumption demand in FY25, there has been a turnaround in terms of large private companies. Their capex had fallen to 1.6 per cent in FY24. In FY22, it stood at 2 per cent of the GDP and 2.4 per cent in FY23,

finds India Ratings The share of large companies in the total capex spent by the private sector too has fallen in the years.

companies had represented 18.9 per cent of the overall private sector capex in FY23 and this fell to 13.9 per cent in FY24. It is esti-

mated to have fur-ther fallen to 7 per cent in FY25, indicating better capex by other private sector firms in the past two

the purchase of new assets for FY25. Over half of the expenditure was towards new machinery and equipment signalling modernisation and capacity expansion, followed by capital work-in-progress at 22 per cent, dwellings and buildings at 9.7 per cent and intellectual property products at 5.8 per

used by the enterprises for

cent and 0.3 per cent was spent on computer software and databases and research and development, respectively. This indicates low innovation intensity at a broader corporate level in India, which is quite low considering the new pace of technological such as AI and cloud computing.

earmarked to states may be utilised by states in its own genco, IPPs to be identified through tariffbased competitive bidding or existing IPPs having power

SCREEN TIME

### Streaming service uses machine learning, artificial intelligence

### Netflix adds real time recommendations

Netflix has redesigned its popular streaming service to highlight newer types of programming and make it easier for customers to find shows to watch.

The new version of the home page will consolidate materials promoting individual titles and update recommendations in real time. It will notify viewers about upcoming live events and updates to certain games. Netflix has expanded the

types of programming it

years, investing billions of

dollars across video games and live events like the National Football League and wrestling.
But many TV viewers

now complain about how hard it is to find things to watch. Netflix is addressing these complaints by reducing the amount of clutter on its home page and offering more context around titles to help guide viewer decisions, like calling out if something has nominated for awards.

"Our redesigned TV home page is simpler, more intuitive and better



represents the breadth of entertainment on Netflix cer Eunice Kim said.

today," chief product offi-The new interface under pinning the service will allow Netflix to make

more recent offerings like advertising. Netflix has long been the gold standard in streaming

video, offering a product that has been emulated by many of its peers. It uses machine learning and artificial intelligence to recommend titles.

Customers will also be able to find shows using a search tool powered by artificial intelligence.

Netflix expects to spend \$18 billion on content this year, and half of its budget is allocated to original and licensed content sourced outside North America.

Netflix is a high-profile winner this year, with recent gains coming in the wake an earnings report that featured record profits and a better-thanexpected for-ecast, cementing its leading position in the entertainment indus-Investors embraced the stock, which they see as offering strong growth trends, coupled with the perception that subscribers are unlikely to

drop the service in the

event of economic weak-

ness, rendering it fairly

recession resistant. — Bloomberg

### Cost of home-cooked meals slides in April

**FALAKNAAZ SYED** MUMBAI, MAY 7

The cost of home-cooked vegetarian as well as nonvegetarian thalis declined by 4 per cent year-on-year in April, according to Crisil intelligence ro-

ti rice rate report. The decrease in the cost of vegetarian thalis was because of a sharp fall in the prices of vegetables particularly tomatoes, potatoes, and onions. Tomato prices

declined by 34 per cent

year-on-year to ₹21 per kg

from ₹32 per kg in April

2024, owing to a high base effect amid low crop yield last year. Similarly, potato prices fell 11 per cent onyear on a high base of the last year.

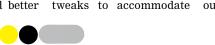
A 19 per cent on-year jump in vegetable oil prices due to a rise in import duty and 6 per cent on-year rise in the LPG cylinder curtailed a further decline in the cost of both thalis.

In the case of non-veg thali, an estimated 4 per cent year-on-year decline in broiler chicken prices lowered the cost.









- **Chennai Super Kings**
- Gujarat Titans)
- Royal Challengers Bengaluru
- Kolkata Knight Riders
- Delhi Capitals)
- Mumbai Indians Rajasthan Royals
- Punjab Kings Lucknow Super Giants





Krishna, GT 20

PURPLE

Sudarshan Sai, GT

Shubman

Noor Ahmad, CSK 20

Hazlewood,

#### short takes

### **INDIANS IN FINAL AFTER WIN OVER S. AFRICANS**

Colombo, May 7: Riding on Jemimah Rodrigues' career-best century and half-tons from opener Smriti Mandhana and Deepti Sharma, India defeated a fighting South Africa by 23 runs to set up a title clash with Sri Lanka in the women's Tri-Nation ODI series here on Wednesday.

Rodrigues' blazing 123 off 101 balls, laced with 15 fours and a six, saw India post a huge 337 for 9 before the bowlers, led by pacer seamer Amanjot Kaur (3/59) and off-spinner Deepti Sharma (2/57) restricted the opponents to 314/7 This despite Annerie Dercksen's fine 81-run knock and stand-in skipper Chloe Tryon's 67.

Brief scores: India: 337/9 in 50 overs (Jemimah Rodrigues 123, Deepti Sharma 93, Smriti Mandhana 51) beat South Africa 314/7 in 50 overs (Annerie Dercksen 81, Chloe Tryon 67, Amanjot Kaur 3/59)

### **UNDER 7 CHESS TRIALS TOURNEY ON SATURDAY**

Hyderabad, May Hyderabad District Association is conducting the Telangana Under 7 Chess Championship for boys and girls on May 10 and 11 at the Lal Bahadur Stadium Yoga Hall from 12 noon. The top two boys and girls from the tournament will get to represent Telangana in the upcoming National Under 7 Chess Championship to be held at Bhubaneswar in Odisha in the first week of June.

Telangana residents and Indian citizens born on or after 01-01-2018 are eligible to take part in the tournament. Players should submit their entries on phone numbers 7337578899/ 7337399299 on or before May 9, the HDCA president K. S. Prasad stated in a press release.

### **RASHMIKAA IN SINGLES PRE-QUARTERFINAL**

**Hyderabad, May 7:** Hyderabad tennis player Shrivalli Rashmikaa Bhamidipaty advanced to the prequarterfinals of the women's singles at the Lopota W50 Open tournament being played in Lopota, Georgia. In the first round, Rashmikaa defeated Ksenia Zaytsena of Russia in straight

### HYDERABAD FOOTBALLER **AFZAL PASSES AWAY**

**Hyderabad, May 7:** Hyderabad football player and gold medalist of the 1962 Asian Games DMK Afzal passed away on evening. He was 81. His funeral will be held on Thursday at 1.30

pm in Murad Nagar, Hyderabad. "Afzal's contribution to Indian football, especially his role in the historic 1962 Asian Games victory

will always remembered with great respect and admiration," the Telangana Football Association said while condoling his



superb player and a nice gentleman. His demise is a big

loss to Telangana and India," said former Indian football captain Shabbir Ali.

"I have personally known Afzal sahab since my childhood. He was our coach when I played for the State U-21 team. His contribution to the erstwhile united Andhra Pradesh team will always be remembered. My deepest condolences to his breaved family and friends," said Syed Sadi, former state footballer and assistant secretary of Hyderabad Globe Football Club.

# DARK KNIGHT

### KKR virtually out of Playoffs after losing to CSK

Kolkata, May 7: Chennai Super Kings beat Kolkata Knight Riders by two wickets to send the defending champions virtually out of the IPL play-offs con-Wednesday.

CSK chased down the target of 180 with two balls to spare with Dewald Brevis top-scoring with 52 off just 25 balls while Shivam Dube and captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni chipped in with 45 and 17 not out respectively.

For KKR, Vaibhav Arora (3/48) was the most successful bowler while Harshit Rana (2/43) and Varun Chakaravarthy (2/18)

took two wickets apiece. Earlier, left-arm wrist spinner Noor Ahmad exploited the turning conditions brilliantly, picking up 4/31, to restrict Kolkata Knight Riders to 179 for 6, as Chennai Super Kings' spin trio dominated the middle overs. After cruising at 67/1 at the power-play, KKR choked with Ahmad turning the

tide.
The Afghan spinner broke KKR's rhythm immediately after the powerplay, st twice in one over. striking

First, he dismissed Narine (26 off 17 balls; 4x4, 1x6), beaten in flight and stumped brilliantly by M. S. Dhoni. Four balls later, Angkrish Raghuvanshi edged behind to give CSK a double breakthrough.

KKR lost further momentum as the boundaries dried up at one stage, they went 24 balls without a single four — in the middle overs. Their hopes rested on Andre Russell, fresh from a match-winning fifty in the previous game.

The explosive Jamaican shifted gears, Ravindra smashing Jadeja for two fours and a six, and then launched Ahmad into the stands with a massive six off a googly. But Ahmad had the last laugh, deceiving Russell (38 off 21 balls) with another well-disguised googly to end his dangerous knock.

In his final over, Ahmad also removed Rinku Singh, wrapping

up a terrific spell that broke KKR's backbone. From 67/1 in six overs, KKR managed just 112 runs in the next 14 overs.

# VISION BAASHYAAN

Chennai Super Kings spinner Noor Ahmad (left) celebrates with teammates after dismissing Kolkata Knight Riders batter Andre Russell during their Indian Premier League match at the Eden Gardens in Kolkata on Wednesday. -AP

### **SCOREBOARD**

Kolkata Knight Riders: Rahmanullah Gurbaz c Noor Ahmad b Anshul Kamboj 11, Sunil Narine st Dhoni b Noor Ahmad 26, Ajinkya Rahane c Conway b Ravindra Jadeja 48, Angkrish Raghuvanshi c Dhoni b Noor Ahmad 1, Manish Pandey not out 36, Andre Russell c Dewald Brevis b Noor Ahmad 38, Rinku Singh c Ayush Mhatre b Noor Ahmad 9, Ramandeep Singh not out 4. Extras (lb-4, w-2) 6. Total (for 6 wickets in 20 overs)

**Fall of wickets:** 1-11, 2-69, 3-71, 4-103, 5-149, 6-167.

**Bowling:** Khaleel Ahmed 2-0-14-0, Anshul Kamboj 3-0-38-1, Ravichandran Ashwin 3-0-19-0, Noor Ahmad 4-0-31-4, Ravindra Jadeja 4-0-34-1, Matheesha Pathirana 4-0-39-0.

Chennai Super Kings: Ayush Mhatre c Harshit Rana b Arora O, Devon Conway b Ali O, Urvil Patel c Varun b Harshit Rana 31,

Ravichandran Ashwin c Raghuvanshi b Harshit Rana 8, Ravindra Jadeja b Varun 19, Dewald Brevis c Singh b Varun 52, Shivam Dube c Singh b Arora 45, M. S. Dhoni not out 17, Noor Ahmad c Singh b Arora 2, Anshul Kamboj not out 4. Extras (lb-1, w-4) 5. **Total (for 8 wickets** in 19.4 overs) 183.

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-25, 3-37, 4-56, 5-60, 6-127, 7-170,

Bowling: Vaibhav Arora 3-0-48-3, Moeen Ali 2-0-23-1, Harshit Rana 4-0-43-2, Varun Chakravarthy 4-0-18-2, Sunil Narine 4-0-28-0, Andre Russell 2.4-0-22-0.

### India's biggest Galakaar! Amul Always in fashion

POINTS TABLE						
Teams	Р	W	L	N/R	Points	Net RR
GT	11	8	3	0	16	+0.793
RCB	11	8	3	0	16	+0.482
PBKS	11	7	3	1	15	+0.376
MI	12	7	5	0	14	+1.156
DC	11	6	4	1	13	+0.362
KKR	12	5	6	1	11	+0.193
LSG	11	5	6	0	10	-0.469
SRH (E)	11	3	7	1	7	-1.192
RR (E)	12	3	9	0	6	-0.718
CSK (E)	12	3	9	0	6	-0.992
E — Eliminated from Playoff contention						

### DC face Punjab in must-win tie

Dharamsala, May 7: Hyderabad in their last Delhi Capitals will be des-perate to arrest their before rain washed out slump and stay in contention for the playoffs when they take on a highflying Punjab Kings in a crucial IPL match here on Thursday.

DC have endured three

losses and a no result due to rain in their last five games, and are currently placed fifth on the table with 13 points from 11 The Axar Patel-led side

had a disappointing time at home, managing just one win — that too via a Super Over — at the Arun Jaitley Stadium.

A team that won its first four matches would have hoped that a change of venue would bring a change in fortune, but DC's batting unit disintegrated against Sunrisers

It was a complete top order collapse as Capitals lost half their side for 29. DC's top order has

looked vulnerable. Karun Nair's promotion as an opener in the last game backfired as he was dismissed for a duck, while South African stalwart Faf du Plessis, who seemed to have returned to form, also perished early trying to force a boundary on a bowler-

friendly pitch.
Punjab Kings, on the other hand, have been sensational this season, winning seven and losing iust three of their 11 matches to sit just outside the top two in the stand-

-PTI

### Rohit to retire from Test cricket

New Delhi, May 7: Rohit Sharma on Wednesday announced his retirement irom Test cricket with immediate effect ending all speculations about his future in the longest format. The 38-year-old was India's most prolific Test batter in the second half of his career, scoring 4301 runs in 67 Tests with 12 hundreds and 18 half centuries at an average of

Having already retired from T20 Internationals after the World Cup last year, Rohit will now only be seen in the ODI format for India. "Hello everyone, I would

just like to share that I am retiring from Test cricket.



It's been an absolute honour to represent my coun-

"Thank you for all the love and support over the years. I will continue to represent India in the ODI format," he posted on Zealand at home and the Instagram with a picture Border-Gavaskar series

State swimmers do well;

of his Test cap. Rohit captained India to

Championship against Australia and save the last couple of indifferent series against New

against Australia. India will have a new Test captain for the five-Test series in England with possible candidates being Jasprit Bumrah, K L. Rahul, Shubman Gill and Rishabh Pant.

Rohit endured a particularly difficult run during Border-Gavaskar Trophy where he had to drop himself from the playing XI owing to poor form but he had ruled out retirement at that stage.

spread speculation about his differences with Head Coach Gautam Gambhir, who had vowed to end the "star culture" in Indian cricket after taking charge last year in July.

### WHAT THEY SAID

INDIAN SPORTING FRATERNITY REACTS



Players of Kolkata Knight Riders and Chennai Super Kings stand for the national anthem before their IPL Kings stand for the national antilem period and match at Eden Gardens in Kolkata on Wednesday.

— PTI

Fearless in unity. **Boundless in strength.** ple. There's no room for terrorism in this world. We're ONE TEAM! Jai Hind.

> Sachin Tendulkar cricket legend

The Indian Armed Forces turned adversity into a powerful Fateh moment. Their courage and valor in the face of danger have made us all proud. Jai hind.

> Mohammed Shami Indian fast bowler

There is no place for terrorism in India and in the World. Our soldiers don't make threats, they take action. Operation Sindoor is a testament to heroes who speak only the language of courage.

> - Nikhat Zareen World champion boxer

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– P. T. Usha

the country by putting
its life at stake. I salute
your passion and bravery
in this fight for the protection of Mother India
and the safety and peace of all of us. I pray to God to protect you at every step and give you victory Vinesh Phogat

The Indian Army is giv-

ing a befitting reply to

the terrorist attacks on

Former wrestler and Congress leader

Agar koi aap par patthar phenke toh uspar Phool Phenko, Lekin Gamle ke saath (If someone throws stones at you then respond with flowers but not without the pots they are planted in). Jai Hind.

> Virender Sehwag Former cricketer

I am glad India responded firmly with Operation Sindoor after the horrific

Pahalgam attack. Terrorism must never go unanswered. And what a beautiful name for the operation. Bharat Mata ki Jai!

> - Vidith Gujrathi Chess player

### **FRATTESI TAKES INTER TO CHAMPS LEAGUE FINAL**

Milan (Italy), May 7: Davide Frattesi fired Inter Milan into the Champions League final on Tuesday with an extra-time winner which gave the Italians a stunning 4-3 triumph over Barcelona, 7-6 on aggregate.

midfielder Frattesi won a tie for the ages under a downpour in Milan when he lashed home in the 99th minute after great play from Marcus Thuram, sending a packed and rocking San Siro wild with joy.

Simone Inzaghi's team will face either Arsenal or Paris Saint-Germain at the end of this month in Munich.

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Sampath Kumar Yadav, Theerdhu Mongam Samdev and their 4x100 metres relay team bagged medals on the third day of the Khelo India Youth

Games being held at Gaya in Bihar. men's 50m In the Backstroke, Preetham clocked 27.68 seconds to Preetham finish behind Arjun Singh of Haryana (27.25) and ahead of Vedant Chandra of Uttar Pradesh (27.84). In women's 400m medley,

20.81 seconds to be third. Sampath and Samadev took silver and bronze in the men's 400m Freestyle with times of 4 minutes 06.86 seconds and 4:07.32 respectively as Abhinav S of Kerala took gold.

AP swimmers Mogili Sarath, Deva Ganesh

Neelam, Sampath and

Samadev also won bronze

in the men's 4x100m med-

ley relay event. They

Nithya timed 5 minutes

Telangana are now third on the medals table with three golds, one silver and a bronze. Andhra Pradesh are seventh with one gold, two silvers and four bronzes. THE RESULTS

Telangana swimmers Sri Nithya Sagi (lef) and Suhas Preetham Mylari pose with their medals at the Khelo India Youth Games being held in Gaya, Bihar.

4:02.58 behind Karnataka (3:59.05) and Maharashtra (3:57.89).

■ Men's 50m Backstroke: 1. Arjun Singh (Haryana) 27.25 seconds, 2. Suhas Preetham Mylari (Telangana) 27.68, 3. Vedant Chandra (Uttar Pradesh) 27.84.

■ Women's 400m Medley: 1. Shreenithi

Natesan (Tamil Nadu) 5 minutes 17.57 seconds, 2. Dhriti Yogesh Ahirwal (Maharashtra) 5:20.60, 3. Sri Nithya Sagi (Telangana) 5:20.81.

Men's 400m Freestyle: 1. Abhinav S (Kerala) 4 minutes 03.04 seconds, 2. Gotteti Sampath Kumar Yadav (Andhra Pradesh) 4:06.86, 3. Mongam 4:07.32. Men's 4x100m Medley:

Mehars Aktoom Medley: I. Maharashtra (Arnav Ramdas Kadu, Shubham Joshi, Vedant Santosh Tandale, Atharva Jaysing Sankpal) 3 minutes 57.89 seconds, 2. Karnataka (Samrath Gowda B. S. Krish Sukumar, Swaroop Satish Dhanuche, Chinthan Shetty) 3:59.05, 3. Andhra Pradesh (Morill Sarath Deva Ganash Neelam (Mogili Sarath, Deva Ganesh Neelam

### MI-PUNJAB TIE IN **DHARAMSALA MAY SHIFT TO MUMBAI**

New Delhi/ Dharam-sala, May 7: The IPL match between Mumbai Indians and Punjab Kings to be held on Sunday in Dharamsala is set to be shifted to Mumbai after travel plans of the teams were thrown haywire following the temporary closure of the hill town's airport.

There is high possibility that the match will be shifted to Mumbai in case the airport remains shut," a BCCI source said.

Dharamsala is due to host the Punjab Kings vs Delhi Capitals clash on Thursday and that game will go ahead as scheduled given that both teams have touched base.
"We have not got any

written intimation from

either the BCCI, or the central and state governments about cancellation of tomorrow's match. Unless there is any official instruction. we are going ahead with schedule," Himachal Pradesh Association source said.

**DMK Afzal**